S. Urges Other Rich Nations To Contribute Funds to Raise Fotal of \$2.3 Billion in Aid

By Philip Shenon
New York Times Service

WASHINGTON — The United States pledged 5000 million in aid to the Palestinians on Monday and pressed other wealthy nations to dramatically increase economic assistance to encourage the Palestinians to

stick to the peace process with Israel.

The American aid package, amounced by President Bill Clinton at a one-day international donors' conference here, would total \$900 million over the next five years, officials said. In all, they hope the confive years, officials said. In all, they hope the confive years, officials said. ference will raise \$2.3 billion for the Palestinians, the amount pledged at the last major donors' conference in Tober 1993, shortly after the Oslo peace accords.

Mr. Climon said his administration planned to increase U.S. aid by \$400 million and to maintain the

five years. The conference was led by Secretary of State Madeleine Albright, and attended by Mr. Clinton, Yasser Arafat, the Palestinian leader, and the foreign ministers of Saudi Arabia, Egypt and other Arab

current \$100-million-a-year assistance program for

The Israeli foreign minister, Ariel Sharon, did not attend because of what American officials described as domestic political turnoil. The Israeli team was led instead by the director-general of the Foreign Ministry. Eytan Bentsur.

Mr. Arafat arrived in Washington on Saturday and had hunch Sunday with Secretary of Commerce William Daley and a group of 15 American business leaders. He also met groups of Arab Americans.

In past years, much of the American aid money for the Palestinians has been used for infrastructure, in-

cluding the paving of roads that knit together scattered towns and villages in the West Bank and Gaza.

U.S. aid to the Palestinians was increasing, in part because of promises that Mr. Clinton made to Mr.

Arafat's Palestinian Authority and to Israel that Washington would pick up much of the bill for the land-forcurity plan that was hammered out in negotiations last month in Wye, Maryland. The Israelis are ex-



President Bill Clinton greeting Yasser Arafat on Monday at the Middle East aid donors' conference in Washington. Secretary of State Madeleine Albright, left, led the conference.

China Vows to Stay the Course

Aides Deny That Enthusiasm for Reform Is Waning

By Elisabeth Rosenthal New York Times Service

BELIING - Seeking to counter recent reports that China's ambitious economic reform plan is losing steam. Chinese officials strongly restated their intention Monday to overhaul the country's debt-ridden system of state-owned industries by the end of 2000, streamlining larger companies and generally allowing smaller ones to be sold to private

owners or to go bankrupt.

Acknowledging that the task had proved more difficult than anticipated, in part because of the Asian financial crisis, Sheng Huaren, the head of the state economic and trade commission, noneinsisted that

establishing a more "modern corporate system." "The goal of lifting the great majority of state owned enterprises out of difficulty in three years is absolutely achievable," Mr. Sheng said, although he also noted that China had encountered "unprecedented issue and difficulties" since the be-

ginning of the year. In general, it remained unclear whether the government's plan for rapid industrial downsizing and economic restructuring that Mr. Sheng forcefully endorsed Monday is entirely realistic, particularly given the fact that many Chinese are already suf-

fering economically - from severe floods last summer, from the massive economic slump in the rest of Asia and from the country's already rapidly

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had made significant progress toward its goal of See DONORS, Page 4 Lawyer for Anwar Sentenced for Contempt of Court

KUALA LUMPUR — A lawyer de-fending former Deputy Prime Minister Anwar Ibrahim was sentenced Monday to three months in prison after he refused to apologize for allegations that prosecutors tried to fabricate evidence against his client."

in a day of high drama and explosive allegations at Malaysia's federal count-Juse, the presiding judge, Augustine Paul, adjourned Mr. Arwar's trial after sentencing Zainur Zakaria for contempt

Mr. Anwar, prevented by police from talking to his attorneys in the courtroom, angrily shouled to reporters that he

could no longer get a fair trial. "I can't even discuss this with my lawyers now," Mr. Anwar said.
"Where is justice?"

Mr. Anwar was arrested Sept. 20, about two weeks after he was fired as agony prime minister and finance miniiscr. His subsequent jailing and beating saids in castody have led to international interest in the case and support for is fiedgling political reform move-

the judge also issued a warrant for test of another laws Dillon, who works closely with Anwer's defense team. ir. Zainn later won a reprieve from

was greeted by hundreds of chanting

"We want justice," the group of law-

the court of appeal, which granted a stay of yers and their families shouted as Mr. shocked," one lawyer said, adding that the sentence pending a hearing Friday. Zainur walked down the steps with his the three-month sentence was a "blow the sentence pending a hearing Friday. Zainur walked down the steps with his As Mr. Zainur left the counthouse, he wife and children, visibly shaken but still smiling after being granted bail of 10,000 ringgit (\$2,600).

"We are shocked, completely



Zainur Zakaria, one of Anwar Ibrahim's defense team, leaving court Menday in Kuala Lumpur after being sentenced for contempt of court.

to every lawyer in this country. Another lawyer hailed Mr. Zainur as "brave" for refusing the judge's re-peated offer to drop the charge if he apologized to the court for his actions.
"He is our hero," said the lawyer,

who asked not to be named. Efforts were meanwhile being made to call an emergency meeting of the Malaysian bar council to discuss Mr. Zainur's case.

In another development, the police rearrested an opposition leader. Tian Chua, on Monday as a court released him on bail on charges of illegal assembly. It was the third time the chairman of the People's Coalition for De-

mocracy had been detained. As soon as his sister and the lawyer came out the courtroom with him, two plainclothes policemen approached them," said Elizabeth Wong, of the human rights group Voice of the Malaysian

People, where Mr. Chua also works.
Miss Wong said one of the officers
told Mr. Chua, "We are arresting you," before bundling him into a police van. Mr. Anwar, dismissed by Prime Minister Mahathir bin Mohamad on Sept. 2, has pleaded not guilty to the four cor-

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Deutsche Bank To Chop 5,500 Jobs

Bankers Trust Takeover to Save Companies \$1.7 Billion a Year

By John Schmid

FRANKFURT - Deutsche Bank AG said Monday that its \$10.1 billion takeover of Bankers Trust Corp., which will create the world's biggest financial company, will cost 5,500 jobs, even as it is expected to save the companies \$1.7 billion a year.

The job cuts overwhelmingly are earmarked for New York and London as Deutsche Bank moves rapidly to integrate Bankers Trust, the eight-largest U.S. bank, into the fold of Germany's biggest banking company.

Dismissing investor concerns about a Frankfurt-versus-Wall Street clash of corporate cultures, Deutsche Bank spelled out details of an "integration team" and a 4 billion Deutsche mark (\$2.35 billion) capital increase to help finance the acquisition. Deutsche Bank said it hoped to complete the acquisition by May and list its shares in the United States in the summer.

"Speed is of the essence," said Rolf Breuer, the chief executive. His outline of Deutsche Bank's strategy was the first since the terse announcement last week that the company was in advanced talks with Bankers Trust. The agreement was signed Monday after both companies' boards approved it Sun-

Deutsche Bank shares, which finished Monday down 1.25 DM at 104.70 For the Elite, DM, had been flat since the preliminary announcement as investors remained unsure of Deutsche Bank's ability to bridge the corporate cultures, said Michael Klein, industry analyst in Frankfurt for Sal. Oppenheim Jr. & Co.

key point to the success of this takeover," Mr. Klein said.

Bemoaning what he called "false" reporting on the takeover, Mr. Breuer described the companies' cultural differences as "small.

'Deutsche Bank has its own culture, he said. "Both will be able to learn from each other.'

The purchase of Bankers Trust will enable Deutsche Bank "to place its global business areas onto a trans-Atlantic platform," yielding \$1.7 billion in annual savings by 2001, Deutsche Bank said. Job cuts will account for much of those annual savings, effectively increasing the total cost of the acquisition. The combined staff of the two banks is 96,442.

Before any cost savings from the "synergies" kick in, Deutsche Bank will pay out about 2 billion DM in severance payments and \$400 million in bonuses and raises for the staff that it

chooses to keep, Mr. Breuer said. He predicted that earnings nevertheless would start rising as early as 2000. By 2001, earnings at Deutsche Bank will rise an estimated 10 percent to 15 percent, measured on a per-share basis.

the bank predicted. Analysis in Frankfurt, London and New York said they were surprised at the extent of the job cuts, which amount to 5.7 percent of the total work force. A Salomon Smith Barney Inc. analyst, Matthew Czepliewicz, said he had ex-pected 500 to 1,000 job losses in London and about twice that many in the

United States. The two banks jointly employ about 9,000 people in Britain, while Bankers Trust alone has 20,540 employees in the United States.

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A Huge Bonus of for Sal. Oppenheim Jr. & Co. "The integration of cultures is the integration of cultures is the results of this control of the control of

By Timothy L. O'Brien

NEW YORK - Deutsche Bank AG is expected to provide multimillion-dollar Trust Corp. and Deutsche Bank executives to secure their services once the German banking giant completes its \$10.1 billion purchase of Bankers Trust.

Executives involved in the merger talks said bankers in this select group would receive at least \$10 million each to stay with the merged company for an undisclosed period of time, to help ensure that managers crucial to the merger's success are in place. Hundreds of other employees of the investment banking unit will receive smaller incentives, the executives said.

Although fat bonuses have never been known to be guarantors of long-term loyalty on Wall Street, those who will receive the largest financial incentives include at least six Bankers Trust executives and three Deutsche executives, all of whom will be overseeing the enlarged investment banking busi-

ness created by Deutsche's purchase. From the Bankers Trust side, the executives include the bank's chairman. Frank Newman; Mary Cirillo, who will run the new unit's global custody business; Yves de Balmann and Mayo Shattuck, who will jointly manage the new investment banking business; Ted Virtue, who will run corporate finance; and Robert Ferguson, who will supervise retail brokerage activities.

From the Deutsche side, the executives include Josef Ackermann, who oversaw Deutsche's investment banking business; Edson Mitchell, who will

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Volvo Cuts Its Work Force By 7% in Europe and U.S.

By John Tagliabue

ROME - Volvo AB, the Swedish maker of cars, buses, trucks and construction equipment, said Monday it would lay off more than 7 percent of its work force, or 5,300 workers, by the middle of next year as part of plans to increase productivity and boost profits.

The cuts will be divided half-and-half between Europe, where Volvo is the last of the small, high-volume independent automakers, and the rest of the world, including 1,000 job cuts in the United

Volvo hopes to lower costs by \$367 million a year by the cuts, which are the latest in the European automobile industry as it braces for slower sales in emerging markets and reduced growth in Europe and the United States. Volvo, which backed out of a merger with the French car maker, Renault, in 1994, faces tough conditions as it seeks to expand its international reach particularly by moving into developing mar-

kets abroad. "It's quite aggressive," said John Lawson, an auto industry analyst at Salomon Smith Barney in London. He said

the cuts were to assure growth in operating profits as Volvo completes an overhaul of global operations launched in 1997. "But the scale is a bit bigger than foreseen."

Volvo has had to act aggressively to resist the growing pressures from re-shuffling in the global industry, exemplified by Daimler-Benz's recent takeover of Chrysler to form Daimler-

Earlier, BMW of Germany swallowed Rover of Britain, and Volkswagen assembled a stable of brands. including Lamborghini of Italy; thanks to acquisitions, Fiat now controls Alfa Romeo, Ferrari and Maserati, three legendary sports-car brands.

Volvo has decided to close three bus factories in Western Europe and concentrate production in a new plant in Poland.

In October, Volvo said it would close a car assembly plant in Halifax, Nova Scotia, eliminating 195 jobs. The cuts announced Monday are in addition to the job losses in Canada. Last month. Volvo invested \$150 million to acquire the second-largest bus manufacturer in

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Russia's Farmers Slog On Soviet-Era Ways Prove Hard to Plow Under

By Michael R. Gordon New York Times Service

NAVINO Russia Vadim Volo-ever's day begins before survise, then he scurries over to a weathereaten barn to supervise the morning

It is not the easiest job. Two hundred ows are crammed together in a stockde originally built for pigs. The farm annot afford new conveyor belts to ispense the cheap feed or remove the ungent manure.

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It might all be worth it if milk production helped keep the farm solvent. But milk is turning out to be a money-

losing proposition.
"We work hard," said Viktor Remizov, director of the Savino farm. "But we have no money to invest in production. There is no way to get cred-it. Taxes are high. There is simply no easy way out of our situation."

For all of the variated talk of building a free market, agriculture is the least reformed sector of the Russian econ-

The Communist-led Parliament has refused to approve the sale of farmland. The nation's inefficient collective farms have been relabeled, not reorganized. The Kremlin has done little to belp the fiercely conservative farmers cope with the brave new world of capitalism. Their distress has only been compounded by the virtual collapse of the banking system and a rumous summer drought.

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As winter begins to grip the heart-land, the results have been distressingly clear: Russia's grain harvest is at its lowest point in 45 years. Milk and meat production has commued to plummet

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# AGENDA

# Reno Asks for More Time on Ickes Case

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WASHINGTON (AP) — Anomey General Janet Reno delayed a decision Monday on whether an independent counsel should investigate whether Harold Ickes, a former top White House aide, committed perjury before a Senate committee, officials said.

She requested that a special court allow her 60 more days to review the case, according to officials and people familiar with the case. There was no explanation of how she would spend the extra time. Ms.

Reno asked the court to seal her reasons for requesting the delay, according to people familiar with the case.

Polisario Accepts Plan

TINDOUF, Algeria (Reuters) -Secretary-General Kofi Annan of the United Nations said after talks Monday with Polisario Front leaders that he had won a clear "yes" from them on his peace plan to resolve the long-running Western Sahara dispute.

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**U.S. Stocks Tumble** On Profit Concerns

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U.S. stocks plunged Monday, with the Dow Jones industrial average falling 2.3 percent, in a late sell-off led by computer companies and banks. Investors scaled back their expectations for fourth-quarter profits for those

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# Where Talk Radio Means Walk Right In

By Felicity Barringer

EW YORK - In the scattered cities of Niger, they have talk radio of a different kind. It is more like walk-in radio. On Saturday and Sunday mornings, farmers and merchants and homemakers gather outside the independent stations run by Radio Anfani in Niamey, Maradi and Zinder to await the start of a two-

They want to talk about their children's health or the price of tomatoes or the latest decree of the military government of Ibrahim Bare Mainassara. They want to talk about some of the news broadcast by Radio Anfani, such as reports translated from Voice of America or the German service Deutsche

"We don't take telephone callers and put them on the air," said Greman Boucar, director-general of Radio Anfani.

Those who own telephones, he explained, are automatically considered rich, and "it shouldn't be such a small circle" of people doing the talking.

For a fee equivalent to about \$1 a year — not so

small in a country where per capita share of the gross domestic product is \$200 a year — listeners can join Radio Anfani's club, which has 36,000

Membership lets them talk to listeners and suggest programming changes or otherwise object to the material the stations broadcast. "The only way to really be free is to accept criticism," Mr. Boucar

In Niger, a landlocked country of 10 million people without radio personalities like Don Imus, Rush Limbaugh or Howard Stern, and without Arbitron ratings or democracy, radio is a truly intimate medium: When people want to talk, they walk in and talk.

When the military — or maybe it was just people in stolen military uniforms — wants to close down a station, it storms in and smashes the equipment.

When people who control the military or the police want to lodge a complaint about his news broadcasts, they take Mr. Boucar from home, stuff him in a bag, throw him on a flatbed truck and spend

hours discussing how to kill him.

Mr. Boucar, a 39-year-old who saw a journalist for the first time when Niger's president came to his village of Maine-Soroa 30 years ago, is about as distant from New York's and Washington's brand of journalism as possible. His country is remote and obscure, often confused with its richer and more populous neighbor. Nigeria.

His medium is radio. In the archipelago of settled communities in Africa, it is more ubiquitous and influential than any newspaper.

He and his editorial committee create their 20hour-a-day schedule with a practical eye. They produce programs on health (ways to prevent AIDS or diarrheal illness in infants), the economy (the price of food) and politics (including pronouncements of Mr. Mainassara's political opponents).

Mr. Boucar's attitude toward his profession carries none of the overt cynicism about the business that tends to permeate discussions in this country.



Gremah Boucar, director-general of Radio Anfani: We don't take telephone callers and put them on the air. It shouldn't be such a small circle' of people doing the talking.

'It seems to me that journalism goes with democracy," he said. To practice journalism, therefore, is to give life to democracy. "My moral

obligation," he calls it. Such earnest simplicity can veer into the dreaded realm of platitude. But that is a risk the Committee to Protect Journalists is willing to take when it gives out its International Press Freedom awards. At its annual dinner last week, the group honored Mr. Boncar and four other journalists, from Indonesia, Peru, Belarus and Eritrea, who have been persecuted, arrested, tried and otherwise hindered by governments that have little history of — or tolerance for — a free press.

HE ANNUAL DINNER was an occasion for some of the profession's most accomplished or just plain famous members to take a quick refresher course in the underpinnings of the business.

Sure, as on any occasion that mixes professional pride with expensive food, tuxedos and celebrity, it had its Tom Wolfe-ish moments. (What to do? Listen to Mr. Boucar's paean to democracy and a free press, or try to spot the actress Sharon Stone?)

Still, celebrity watching and financial prodding aside, the persecuted foreign journalists and their pampered domestic counterparts have something to offer each other. When Mr. Boncar was arrested, the outcry of groups like the Committee to Protect Journalists, and the accompanying protests by American diplomats, helped free him, or so he

face, blinding one eye, as she walked down a Sofia street six months ago, it was the material and psychic support of groups like Committee to Protect Journalists and the International Women's Media Foundation that beloed lift her from a profound depression, or so she told friends.

In return, Mr. Boucar offers a reminder that simple news broadcasts and open-mike programs and a willingness to reflect diverse political viewpoints can be a precious commodify in countries where the life expectancy of a person is less than 50 years and the life expectancy of a democracy is less

rman and a former managing editor of The New York Times. "If anything, it seems to increase each year. The dinner always runs an hour and a half too long. There's only one way to make it stay within space limitations — severely limit the time that the

That, the group is unwilling to do - it would be

Says.

When Anna Zarkova, a Bulgarian journalist who covers her country's mafia, had acid thrown on her

After nearly 20 years, the event "still maintains its power," said Gene Roberts, the committee's awardees have.'

like editing the apostles.

# French Jews See Signs Of Progress on Claims

By Craig R. Whitney
New York Times Service

PARIS - It has been carefully preserved in the archives for more than 50 years, a handwritten receipt from the French Internal Police for 51,135 francs and \$450 seized from Henri Israel of Limoges on his arrival in the French concentration camp in Drancy, north of Paris, on Oct. 30, 1943.

Where he went — he and 11,000 others for whom similar receipts were made and kept during the German oc-cupation in World War II — is known: the Nazi death camps at Auschwitz, where nearly 75,000 French Jews were

sent. Few returned.

But what happened to the money?
Has Germany or France made restitution? Has some French bank been using the money all this time, if it was not seized by the Nazis? If so, what kind of compensation should be made, and who should get it?

These are among the questions that France now appears to be ready to answer, according to Jacques Fredj, di-rector of the Center for Contemporary Jewish Documentation and the Memorial to the Unknown Jewish Martyr, where many records are kept.

After 50 years of suppressing memories of what the collaborationist Vichy government did to the Jews under the Nazi occupation. French authorities have been trying harder since 1995 to do justice to their survivors. Government commissions are poring over longclosed files like the ones in the Jewish archive, in the once heavily Jewish district of the Marais in the heart of Paris.

But for French Jews, the question of how hard to push for restitution or compensation remains difficult. France did make a major effort to restore seized assets after the war, but then swept the loose ends under the carpet and mostly forgot about them.
"With Switzerland, everything was

done wrong," Mr. Fredj said, referring to Swiss indignation over \$2 billion in claims that Holocaust survivors are pressing against Swiss banks for handling gold seized by the Nazis. But the Swiss, unlike the French, had not previously been confronted with charges of collaborating, wittingly or unwittingly, with the Germans during the war.

Political pressure was put on the Swiss authorities before experts had done the necessary work to establish the valid-ity and extent of claims," Mr. Fredj said. "Here it is much better to wait and find out what the experts determine before pressing any demands."

After the war, France tried to find store property, cash and bank accounts smands for money,"

that the Nazis and their collaborators had seized from them and from the 225,000 to 250,000 other lews living in France in 1940, when the Nazis marched in.

But many deported Jews never returned and had no survivors to claim

their property. According to Henri Hajdenberg, president of the Represen-tative Council of Jewish Institutions in

France, 15,000 to 20,000 safe-deposit boxes and accounts seized from Jews went unclaimed after the war and stayed with the French banks holding them. "Probably 70 percent of the bank assets were returned," Mr. Hajdenberg said. "But we don't know what the banks have been doing with the rest."

banks have been doing with the real.

Morally, there can be no question of leaving money that belonged to victims of the Holocaust in the hands of private or nationalized companies."

One group of survivors living in the United States brought a class action smi last year in federal court in Brooklya, New York, against large French banks to prove assets such as these. to recover assets such as these.

With an international conference on Holocaust-era assets starting Monday in Washington to discuss issues that minseums, art dealers and collectors face in dealing with looted artwork, French of ficials have become more willing to consider new claims.

Last year, the government set up a panel under Jean Matteoli, a prominent banker and politician, to try to inventory every artwork, building and banknote illegally confiscated during the octathose that could not be restored to their

"We've made a lot of progress," said Adolphe Steg, a surgeon and Jewish civic leader who is a member of the Matteoli commission.

"There are hundreds of thousands of documents and other records that we have had to go through, but insurance companies and banks have studied their archives, too, and we are getting there. We expect to publish an interim report at the end of the year."

Prime Minister Lionel Jospin has announced an increase of nearly \$2 million in the commission's budget next year. He also said the government would create a new official body to examine individual claims by victims of anti-Semitic occupation laws and their heirs.

But Mr. Hajdenberg, a prominent

lawyer, said the real question was what France should do to compensate for actions that are irreparable. "The essential, fundamental aspect of the restitution question is historical knowledge, and its dissemination," he said. "This heirs of death-camp victims and to re-, question should not be obscured by de-

# Czechs Wary of Reviving Communist-Era TV Hit

By Peter Finn

PRAGUE - He was the archetypal television detective. Steely, smart yet big-hearted, with a nice Slavic chin.

Major Jan Zeman always got his guy. Between 1974 and 1980, Czechoslo-vak Television produced "Major Zeman's Thirty Cases," and the series, which used the country's best actors, directors and scriptwriters, was a critical smash. Czechoslovak viewers, unused to the crime genre and saddled with television that could best be described as gray, tuned in religiously, giving the innovative, exciting show stratospheric

"It was enormously popular," says Jakub Puchalsky, general director of Czech Television.

Small wonder then that "Major Zeman" seemed like a natural for a nostalgic revival on Czech Television when the idea was first mooted this year. But nothing is simple in post-Com-

munist Europe -- not even reruns. Major Zeman, to put it bluntly, was a

His exploits as an apparatchik in the secret police were as much about ideological purity as entertainment. The series, in fact, was ordered up by the Central Committee of the Czechoslovak Communist Party, which launched the crushing repression that followed the 1968 democratic reform movement called Prague Spring. The aim was to burnish the image of the secret police.

Thus, a fierce political debate has broken out. And in the Czech Republic, where "lustration," the exorcism of former Communists from all corners of society, was carried out with more gusto than elsewhere in Central Europe, Major Zeman is seen by some as just another despicable functionary best consigned to the dustbin of history.

'It was psychological manipulation of the masses and a certain part of society could still take it seriously." said Rudolf Husak, the secretary of the

# TRAVEL UPDATE

## **Strikes Set for Greece**

ATHENS (AP) - Motorists filled their gasoline tanks and apartment man-agers rushed for heating oil Monday, Confederation of Political Prisoners, which represents the interests of people fearing shortages because of a strike by imprisoned by the Communist authorcustoms officers.

The walkout is just one of many strikes planned this week in Greece. Railroad workers and doctors at stateτun hospitals also began strikes Monday. Other work actions expected later in the week include bus drivers, tax officials and schoolteachers.

The strikes are part of the labor unions' growing opposition to proposed government fiscal reforms that are aimed gaining acceptance for Greece in the European Union's single currency club by 2001. Teachers and others also are resisting changes sought to bring Greek education and business practices in line with the rest of the EU.

## Disruptions in France

man entered the popular culture just as PARIS (Reuters) - France's staterun railroad, the SNCF, warned Monday Each episode, about 75 minutes long, that train travel would be snarled for a was built around an actual event that fifth day Tuesday after conductors again took place each year between 1945 and extended their strike.

The SNCF said that the disruptions would spare the high-speed trains to London, Brussels, Brittany, Bordeaux and northern Europe and that service on the SNCF commuter trains serving the Paris region also would be nearly normal. But traffic between some provincial cities would be cut by as much as two-thirds, the officials said.

Engineers stopped work last Friday to demand the hiring of more employees.

Plans for a \$5 billion commuter railroad tunnel that would take passengers between Secaucus, New Jersey, and Manhattan's Pennsylvania Station have been drafted by three agencies, the Daily News said Monday. The 5-mile (8-kilometer) link, which would be the first tunnel built under the Hudson River since the Lincoln Tunnel's third tube was finished in 1957, also would connect Pennsylvania Station with Grand Central Station, the paper said. (Reuters)

# Chirac Joins Call to Keep **Unclaimed Art**

PARIS -- President Jacques Chirac, opening a new museum of Jewish art and history in Paris on Monday, said paintings looted by the Nazis in France and never claimed by their original Jewish owners should remain in the country. Speaking hours before a conference on

Holocaust-era claims opened in Washington, the French president said the issue of compensating descendants for their artworks plundered during World War II was now "a top priority." But he echoed calls by French Jewish

eaders for unclaimed artworks to stay in France rather than be auctioned off, possibly to foreign buyers, to raise funds for Holocanst survivors.
The World Jewish Congress said last

week that these homeless works, which include paintings by Picasso, Matisse and Leger, were the "last prisoners of war" and should be "freed." "Among the works on exhibit in this museum are some that were stolen from families that never returned from their long path of suffering," Mr. Chirac said at the Museum of the Art and History of

Judaism in the Marais, the old Jewish

quarter of Paris.



Mr. Chirac, right, at the inauguration Monday of the Museum of Judaism in Paris with Culture Minister Catherine Trautmann and Henri Hajdenberg of the Representative Council of Jewish Institutions in France.

"This is, of course, where these works should be," he said.
The museum, which traces Jewish life

in France and Europe from the Middle Ages to the present day, exhibits 27 of the 2,058 seized artworks still being held by French museums, including the Louvre.

A catalogue details fruitless efforts to establish the exact ownership of the paintings in 1940, when the Germans

end of the war in 1945 even though they knew art was being returned. Historians say the Nazis plundered 100,000 artworks from France, of which 61,257 were returned by Allied forces. A

total of 45,441 items were handed back to the original owners or their families.

The museum, co-funded by the French state and the city of Panel is housed in a 17th-century mansion that had been split up into workshops for Jewish craftsmen in the 19th century.

# WEATHER

occupied France, or explain why some survivors did not claim them after the

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Others, including Mr. Puchalsky, be-

lieve the show, viewed nearly 20 years

after the last episode was made, is al-

most comical in its political affecta-

tions. Moreover, he said, the willing-

ness to view "Major Zeman" and see it

for what it is can help Czechs confront

their past and also serve as a measure of

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Propaganda, not surprisingly, was

In one episode, a village police chief, under siege from alleged reactionary

vandals, praises the 1968 Warsaw Pact invasion, which violently put down the

"Last year, in '68," laments the po-lice chief, "the locals broke my win-

dows....God knows what would have

happened to me if those guys hadn't

Other episodes imply that nefarious American agents, employing alcoholic, sweaty reactionaries, foment all kinds

of upheaval and murder among the good people of Czechoslovakia. Priests are

also frequent targets. They were gen-

erally depicted as collaborators with the Nazis who still hanker for some good

"I watched one episode recently," Mr. Puchalsky said, "and I laughed the

ture and face history.'

"It's a moral issue," Mr. Puchalsky said. "We're trying to give momentum to a discussion of the past. It's been 10

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# THE AMERICAS

# Sticking With the Separatists They Know, Quebeckers Shy From Liberal

By Steven Pearlstein Washington Post Service

ST. JEAN SUR RICHELIEU, Quebec - This was to be the spot af which Quebec would finally make peace with remaining in Canada. Instead, as voters went to the polls Monday to

long simmering separatist movement. This French-speaking city of 37,000 on the scenic Richelien River has voted with the winning party in every provincial election of the past 40 years. And it was to bellwether districts such. as this one, where Quebec nationalism has man, the Liberal Jean Charest, to unseat the separatist government of the Parti Quebecois.

But weekend polls confirmed what several

French-speaking Quebeckers are willing to exist to his native province from the federal government in Onawa to take charge of the once-as it takes to achieve political independence.

"I'm voting for the man who can best protect the values of this province," said Pierrette Bouchard at the Carretour de Richelieu shopping center last week. "And that's the current premielect a new provincial government, they were er, Lucien Bouchard." She is no relation to the expected to give a further lift to the province's premier, but like many Quebeckers, she regards him as a respected figure who can be trusted to "preserve our French language and our cul-

"We are not ready yet to be our own country, but we are not willing yet to put that dream aside," said Luc Nadeau as he sat on his forklift stopped short of ontright secession, that Canada's at Engineered Fibres Inc. He, too, was planning business and political leaders had sent their best to vote for Mr. Bouchard's Parti Quebecois, as were most of his shop-floor colleagues.

It is this deep and stubborn nationalism among Quebeckers that has confounded Mr. Charest dozen interviews here revealed in recent days: since he switched parties in spring and returned

From the beginning, Mr. Charest's pitch was that the only way to deal with the issues people cared about — high taxes, lagging job growth and deteriorating health care — was to put aside the threat of secession that would hang over Quebec and the rest of Canada as long as the Parti Quebecois was in power. Polls taken earlier in the year showed such a message would give the young and articulate Liberal a resounding victory over Mr. Bouchard and his aging band of separatist crusaders.

But Mr. Bouchard, 60, who has switched his tune on separation five times in his long career, outmanervered Mr. Charest on the independence issue with a strategy of studied obfuscation. Staring down hard-liners in his own party, Mr. Bouchard vowed not to hold another referendum on the issue unless he was sure it threat of secession to win another round of constitutional concessions from Ottawa.

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At every campaign stop in the past two weeks, Mr. Charest accused Mr. Bouchard of trying to snooker Quebec voters with his offer to remodel a constitutional structure he really means to destroy. He repainted his campaign bus to read, 'No More Referenda.'

But what appeared cynical and contradictory to Mr. Charest and much of the rest of Englishspeaking Canada sounded perfectly in tune with the thinking of "soft nationalists" who hold the key to elections here. These are French-speakers who think of themselves as Quebeckers first and Canadians a distant second. While they have qualms about secession, they have never quite shaken the insecurity they feel at being part of a linguistic and cultural minority within Canada.

We are comfortable with Mr. Bouchard's ambiguity on the sovereignty question because

would succeed. Until then, he vowed to use the we ourselves are ambiguous," said Renel Bouchard, editor of the newspaper Le Canada Français and also not a relative of the premier. "It is not manipulation. It's an accurate reflection of what we feel. You see, you have to be a strong nationalist to be successful in Quebec politics. Mr. Charest never understood that."

In the end, in fact, Mr. Charest found himself defending the constitutional status quo, which almost no one likes. And sovereignty was hardly the only issue on which he was outmaneuvered in the intense monthlong campaign. Mr. Charest won no points with his economic program, which called for an end to Mr. Bouchard's costly public day-care program, tougher laws against strikes by public employees and a freeze on new spending for a government investment agency. But when he backed off the program at the first sign of criticism, he alienated everyone from union leaders to the chamber of commerce, while prompting front-page headlines about his lack of backbone.

# Is Chelsea Fair Game?

As Spotlight Finds President's Daughter, The Issue of Journalistic Standards Arises

> By Howard Kurtz hington Post Service

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* WASHINGTON — For six years, the thress followed an unspoken pact to avoid coverage of Chelsea Clinton, alflowing the president's daughter to grow the outside the harsh glare of journalistic

That wall of silence was shattered last screaming headline — "CHELSEA'S HEARTACHE" saying she had broken up with her boyfriend at Stanford and visited the campus medical center for

stress-related symptoms. Just days earlier, two supermarket tabloids — the National Enquirer and the Star — carried exposé-style cover pieces on the 18-year-old sophomore.
"The mainstream press has been very respectful of the president and first

lady's desire for privacy concerning their family and daughter," said the White House spokesman, Joe Lockhart. "The journalistic standards of some of "the tabloids speak for themselves." What about the New York Post, whose story — based on a "source" and "friend," both unidentified — was

Post part of the media," Mr. Lockhart said. "The only difference between the Coz, said he had dropped his hands-off New York Post and the supermarket tabloids is the supermarket tabloids

The New York Post's editor, Ken Chandler, said that Chelsea Clinton deserves privacy up to a point," but he added: "I don't see that this story was an invasion of privacy at all. She happens

to be the daughter of the president.

The larger question is whether the children of celebrities should be just another juicy morsel for a voracious press. Some politicians, of course, thrust their kids into the spotlight. Vice President Al Gore, for example, spoke movingly at the 1992 Democratic convention about his young son's car accident.

But the first family has always been especially protective of the child who was born during Bill Clinton's first term as governor of Arkansas. Until they posed for People magazine in 1992, many Americans were unaware that the couple had a daughter.

The supermarket tabloids zoomed in on the first daughter last month. The National Enquirer and the Star quoted a "campus pal," a "well-placed source" and an "insider" on how Chelsea Clinton was coping with the Monica Lew-insky affair. The Enquirer said that she had had a screaming match with her father and that her health was suffering. duickly picked up by The Associated The Star said she was convinced that her Press and various radio stations? parents would split up after they leave it wouldn't consider the New York the White House. parents would split up after they leave

The National Enquirer's editor, Steve policy toward Chelsea Clinton when she adopted a high profile on Martha's Vineyard after President Clinton's Aug. 17 fallout from the whole Monicagate



Chelsea Clinton with her parents on the South Lawn of the White House after returning from Camp David.

confession about the Lewinsky affair.

"She was the one shaking hands with everyone in the crowd," Mr. Coz said. She was the one to demonstrate the family was still intact. They used her for publicity, basically. At that point, Chelsea crosses a line. She becomes part of the White House publicity machine."
Besides, he said, "at some point you stop being a kid."

The Star's editor, Phil Bunton, offered a similar rationale: "She's getting more mature. She's inevitably been dragged into a peacemaking role between her mother and father and the

thing. We felt, within some boundaries, it was all right to investigate her."

Tom Rosenstiel, director of the Project for Excellence in Journalism, said the freewheeling media culture had agreed on one element of Washington coverage: that Chelsea Clinton was off-limits.

"Now," he said, "the tabloids, as their thunder is stolen by an increasingly sensational mainstream press, have decided they can distinguish themselves by breaching perhaps the last protected area of common decency.

Chelsea Clinton, he said, "didn't run for anything. She is an innocent here. What happens to her is not a matter of

consequence to the state or the public. This is purely a matter of gossip."

Dealing with celebrities children has

always been tricky terrain for the press. Most journalists don't want to be seen as exploiting the offspring in their pursuit of high-profile parents. But sometimes an event - a drug bust or a drunkdriving arrest - forces the children into

By contrast, the cover of the Star one day last week served up a triple dose of adolescent invasion: "Monica to Chelsea: I'm Sorry," "Di's Grieving Son Treated for Depression" and "Secret Anguish of O. J.'s Daughter."

# **Mayor on Track** In Argentina for **Presidential Bid**

New York Times Service

BUENOS AIRES — The mayor of Buenos Aires, Fernando de la Rua, has become the favorite to replace Carlos Saul Menem as president of Argentina by winning a landslide victory in a primary election to carry the banner of the center-left Alianza opposition coalition in the general election next Oc-

The balloting Sunday followed a primary campaign, which inspired little excitement, between Mr. de la Rua, a cautious politician running on his record of improving the capital's finances, and Graciela Fernandez Meijide, a congresswoman from Buenos Aires Province who promised a full-scale attack against government corruption.

Mr. de la Rua, 62, appeared to benefit from the strength of his Radical Party's political machine and a construction and tourism boom in Buenos Aires that has given the city a new image of prosper-

Mr. de la Rua declared victory three hours after the polls closed, pledging "a fight against corruption" if he won the presidential election.

"We want an Argentina with more jobs and more development," he said. With 71 percent of the votes counted, Mr. de la Rua led Mrs. Fernandez

Meijide by 63 percent to 37 percent. The two candidates ran a close race in and around Buenos Aires, but Mr. de la Rua pulled away with a big victory in the provinces.

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## POLITICAL

## Clinton Seeks Medicare Boost

WASHINGTON — As part of his budget for the coming year. President Bill Clinton will propose expanding Medicaid and Medicare to allow tens of thousands. of people with disabilities to retain their health benefits when they return to work, administration officials say. Under convent law, many of these people must, in effect choose between working and keeping their health-insurance coverage. If they take jobs and earn any sig-

nificant amounts of money, they jeopardize their disability benefits and the insurance coverage they receive through Medicaid and Medicare. Many people with disabilities caused by severe injuries

Many people with disabilities caused by severe injuries and chronic illnesses say they could work, thanks to advances in medicine and medical technology, but do not do so because they want to keep their medical benefits under the two government health programs.

Eight million disabled people of working age receive more than \$50 billion a year in cash benefits in the form of Social Security and supplemental security income payments. Fewer than 1 percent of them return to work. The definition of disability is strict; people qualify for benefits definition of disability is strict; people qualify for benefits only if they are so disabled they cannot engage in any

"substantial gainful activity."

The number of people receiving disability benefits has

The number of people receiving disability benefits has risen sharply in recent years — 60 percent in the last decade. People are qualifying for benefits at younger ages and staying on the rolls longer than in the past.

The president's proposals would help people with HIV, the virus that causes AIDS, as well as people with kidney disease, spinal cord injuries, multiple sclerosis, various traces of mental illness and intratriments caused by strokes types of mental illness, and impairments caused by strokes types of mental illness, and impairments caused by strokes and heart attacks. Medicaid, in-particular, covers two items of great value to many people with disabilities: prescription drugs and the services of personal assistants or attendants. who help the disabled perform at home or at work. (NYT)

# Gay Policeman's Case Rejected

WASHINGTON — A California policeman suspended as a Boy Scout leader because he is homosexual lost a Supreme Court appeal Monday.

The Boy Scouts' ban on homosexuals has been challed a California and other case of

lenged in California and other states, and the case of Charles Merino, an El Cajon policeman, is the first to reach the highest court.

The justices, without comment, refused to review a state court ruling that said Mr. Merino's suspension as. leader of a law enforcement Explorer Post violated no state law. The appeal focused on an issue — the U.S. Constitution's equal-protection guarantees - not dealt with by a lower court. That factor is almost always fatal to

chances of obtaining Supreme Court review.

The court action Monday does not resolve in any definitive way the legality of the Boy Scouts' policy on

participation by homosexuals. Mr. Merino became a Boy Scout adult leader in 1989 after applying for an Explorer Post charter from the national organization's San Diego County Council. The coed program is for Boy Scouts, ages 14 to 20, and is

sponsored by community organizations.

After learning that Mr. Merino was homosexual, the Boy Scouts in 1992 suspended his registration as an adult Boy Scouts in 1992 suspended the leader. The police department then discontinued the leader. The police department then discontinued the leader. (AP)

# Quote/Unquote

Representative Lindsey Graham of South Carolina on the impeachment proceedings against President Bill Clin-ton: "He's still dancing on the head of a pin. Right now, to me, be is an unrepentant perjurer who should lose his job unless he changes his tone with the American people and reconciles himself with the law."

# Dante Fascell Dies; Led Away From Politics Foreign Affairs Panel

By Eric Pace New York Times Service

NEW YORK — Dante projects he favored. Fascell, 81, a Florida Democratic congressman who was cancer Saturday in Clearwa-

strong supporter of Israel and a fervent opponent of President Fidel Castro of Cuba.

He represented voters in Dade County and in the Florida Keys from 1955 through 1992, when he did not run for re-election.

Last month, President Bill Clinton awarded him the Presidential Medal of Freedom with a citation calling him "a man of reason and conscience" who was "cour-

Mr. Fascell strongly favored bipartisanship in foreign policy. In his last years in Congress be frequently voted with Republicans on foreign policy issues, particularly those involving Latin Amer-

His opposition to any softening of U.S. policy toward the Castro government and his backing of efforts by the administration of President Ronald Reagan to undermine the Sandinistas were welcomed by immigrants from Cuba and Nicaragua, who constituted 40 percent of the population of his district.

In the debate over U.S. policy after Iraq invaded Kuwait in 1990, and before the Gulf War in 1991, he was one of the leading Democrats who supported President George Bush's decision to send American forces to the area and to form a coalition with other nations to defeat Saddam Hussein.

In an interview last year. Mr. Fascell said he took pride in his fight for human rights abroad, particularly on behalf of people - known as "re-fuseniks" - who had been prevented from leaving the Soviet bloc. "Ultimately," he said, "our human rights effort helped lead to the disintegration of the entire east-

ern empire." In domestic affairs, he was regarded as a liberal on social and environmental issues.

from Floridians for his ability to direct federal money to

Sisana Sisane, 76, a vetchairman of the Honse For- eran Laotian revolutionary eign Affairs Committee from and high-ranking member of 1984 through 1992, died of the ruling Communist Party. died Friday, the official Laofer Florida:

Mr. Fascell began serving nounced Monday. No cause on the Foreign Affairs Committee in 1957. He was a analest active political life in

> Claude Roussel, 79, a the war and served as its director-general between 1975 and 1978, died Saturday in Antibes, France.

Valentin Berezhkov, 82, a Russian who interpreted for Stalin at conferences that ageous in war and public ser-President Franklin D.
vice."
Roosevelt and Winston Churchill attended during World War II, died Nov. 20 in Claremont, California. At his death he was the Diane and Guilford Glazer distinguished visiting professor at Occidental College in Los

> Barl Kim, 78, an American composer whose music valued economy, precision and quietude, and who was an important mentor to younger composers during a 23-year career at Harvard University, died of cancer Nov. 19 in Cambridge, Massachusetts.

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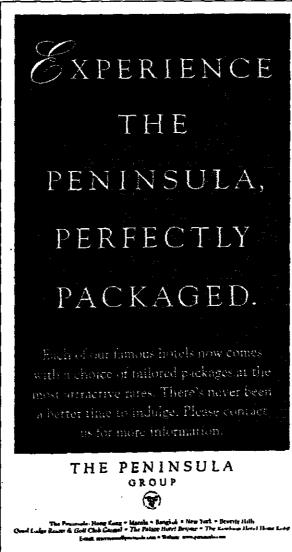
• A police officer and a murder suspect were killed and a second suspect badly wounded in two shoot-outs that forced the closure of Los Angeles International Airport to automobile traffic for about six hours. The officer, Brian Brown, 27, was killed after he and his partner stopped two men wanted for a mmrder in Culver City.

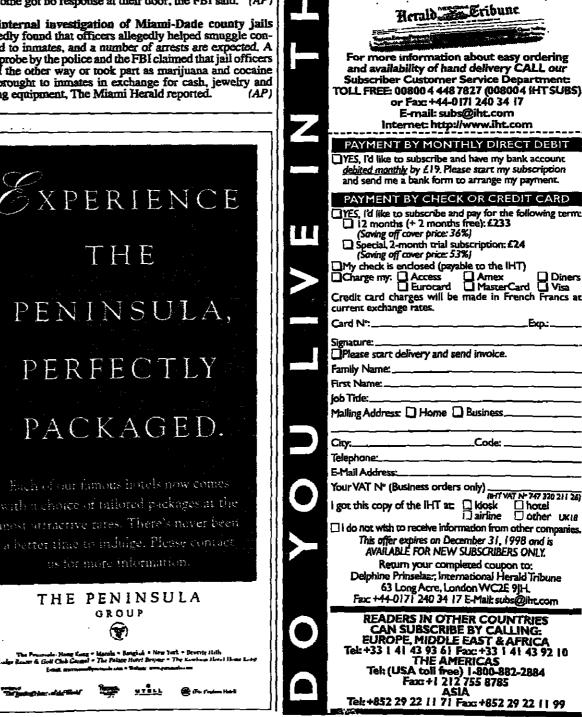
 The astronaut crew for the first manned mission of the S60. billion International Space Station has arrived at the Kennedy Space Center in Florida. The six-member crew is scheduled to lift off Thursday aboard the space shuttle Endeavour, carrying one of the first building blocks of the space station. The crew will attempt to connect its module to an unmanned Russianbuilt component lannched 10 days ago.

 A federal judge and his ailing wife were found shot to death in their home in Mission, Kansas, federal authorities said. U.S. District Judge Earl O'Connor, 76, and his wife, Jean Ann. 66, were discovered after a nurse who regularly visited their home got no response at their door, the FBI said. (AP)

former member of the French
Resistance who helped set up
Agence France-Presse after

An internal investigation of Miami-Dade county jails
reportedly found that officers allegedly helped smuggle contraband to immates, and a number of arrests are expected. A secret probe by the police and the FBI claimed that jail officers looked the other way or took part as marijuana and cocaine were brought to immates in exchange for cash, jewelry and sporting equipment, The Miami Herald reported.





# INTERNATIONAL

# Mitchell Back in Ulster To Try to End Impasse

By James F. Clarity . Vew York Times Service

DUBLIN - The former U.S. Senator George Mitchell, who was instrumental in arrange, the Northern Ireland peace agreement just spring, returned to the the U.S. national security adviser, or his British province Monday to discuss with assistant, Jim Steinberg, later this week. Roman Catholic and Protestant leaders the impasse that has stalled the peace

On Sunday. Mr. Mitchell met at a hotel in Cork. southwest of Dublin, with the Irish Republic prime minister, Bertie Ahern, where they discussed the Northem problem after Mr. Mitchell received

# Well Enough Now, Pinochet Is Told

To Leave Clinic

LONDON - The private London clinic where General Augusto Pinochet, the former Chilean dictator, has resided since the end of October told him Monday to leave, saying he was well enough to be discharged.

A spokesman for the Grovelands Priory Hospital in north London said that General Pinochet no longer required its specialist medical care.

'It is now the responsibility of General Pinochet's advisers to find alternative accommodation," he said. "It is hoped that General Pinochet will find alternative accommodation as quickly as possi-

The British police, acting on an international warrant issued by a Spanish judge, arrested General Pinochet on Oct. 16 while he was recovering from back surgery in London.

The general is on bail but remains under police guard.
Sources in London say that he

will move this week to a luxury country home in Surrey, in southern England, while he waits to learn if ae must remain in Britain to fight extradition to Spain.

The decision on whether to go ahead with extradition proceedings now rests with the British home secretary, Jack Straw.

Last week, Britain's Law Lords, sitting as the highest court in the land, ruled that General Pinochet did not enjoy sovereign immunity from prosecution.

Spanish government officials, who are said to be hoping that Bri-tain will block General Pinochet's extradition to Madrid, have said they will not interfere in court decisions and will let justice run its (AFP, Reuters) two awards for his work as a peace-

Mr. Mitchell said he was on an "cntirely private" visit, and that while he was not officially representing the White House, he would brief Samuel Berger,

assistant, Jim Steinberg, later this week.
"I'm not surprised there are difficulties," he said in an interview. He said he was "encouraging all the people in-volved" to end the impasse. "It would be a huge tragedy if this were to fail because of inability to implement the agreement.

Officials and experts in Belfast, the Northern Ireland capital, and Dublin said his discussion with leaders indicated that the Clinton administration was worried about the possible breakdown of the agreement, which was approved in April but has come to a standstill over several issues.

The problems include the disarmament of the Irish Republican Army and the creation of new governmental struc-tures that are to lead to more power for

the North's Catholic minority.

Mr. Mitchell, who was chairman of formal peace talks until the agreement was reached April 10, said he was not considering a formal return to the peace effort as a mediator. He is now a lawyer in a Washington firm.

He talked with Genry Adams, the president of Sinn Fein, the political wing of the IRA, and with the two leaders of the new Northern Ireland Assembly, which is to put the provisions of the peace agreement into effect in the next 18 months. The two leaders, David Trimble, a Protestant unionist and first minister of the Assembly, and his deputy, the Catholic nationalist Seamus Mallon, are to visit Washington early this month and are expected to seek meetings with President Bill Clinton. He also spoke with John Hume, head

of the Catholic mainstream Social Democratic and Labour Party, and David Ervine, head of the Progressive Unionist Party, which has ties to Protestant which boycotted the peace talks and attacks the agreement as treachery that will lead to the subsuming of the North into the Irish Republic.

White House officials over the weekend. asking for their intervention to break the impasse. Mr. Adams and his party have been excluded from the new provisional government being formed in Belfast until the IRA agrees to start disarming. He claims, accurately, that the April agreement stipulates only that disarmament will take place by the time the agreement is fully enacted in the spring of 2000. But Mr. Trimble insists disarmament

must begin long before that. The IRA, which has held to a cease-fire for 16 months, refuses to disarm until the peace agreement is fully enacted.



TOUGH WORDS -- Rabbi Mordechai Ashkenazi, of the Hassidic movement Habad, speaking at a convention in Israel in which he called Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu a "a swindler" for ceding territory.

# DEAL: Deutsche Bank to Dismiss 5,500 in Bankers Trust Takeover

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To hold as many employees as possible, analysts said Deutsche Bank would need to strike a careful balance, giving Bankers Trust enough free reign to chase deals under its familiar aggressive formula while imposing German-style management, which by tradition is more risk-averse.

Asked how much autonomy is appropriate, Mr. Breuer said, "There is no such thing as autonomy of subsidiaries at Dentsche Bank." "This transaction has no precedent,"

he added. "We must set a new stan-Costs savings are not the "heart and soul" of the takeover, said the chairman of Bankers Trust, Frank Newman, who appeared in Frankfurt with Mr. Breuer.

Mr. Newman, who will have a seat on exceeding \$800 billion, relegating UBS the new board, said that in the global AG of Switzerland to second place. UBS economy an increasing number of companies would need financial advisors with "cross border" expertise. Although the takeover fulfills a long-

held dream for Mr. Breuer, who wants his bank to become a player on Wall Street, he said that Deutsche Bank's top priority remained Europe. "In the future, we shall be a European

bank with an American platform second to none," he said.

Deutsche Bank defended itself against critics who say it is wasting its capital in an expensive drive to expand into international investment banking, even as financial market turbulence has laid bare the shortcomings of such a strategy. plete
The combined bank will have assets July.

itself was formed this year by the merger of two leading Zurich-based banks.

The takeover gives Deutsche Bank the investment banking expertise of two small finance houses that Bankers Trust itself acquired in recent years. Alex. Brown & Sons Inc. has a staff of 2,000 that specializes in advising fast-growing technology and health-care companies, while Wolfensohn & Co.'s 235 bankers assists clients that rank among the top 200 U.S. companies.

Deutsche Bank's purchase of Bankers Trust is the third in a wave of highprofile takeovers by German companies. Daimler-Benz AG just absorbed Chrysler Corp., and Bertelsmann AG completed its purchase of Random House in

# paramilitary groups. He did not talk with the Reverend Ian Paisley, the head of the hard-line beard-raic Unionist Party, which be proported the party of the th

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ill lead to the subsuming of the North oversee global debt trading in the new business; and Michael Phillip, who will oversee the equities business of the merged company.

These executives will be members of the merged company's investment banking committee, which will be supervised by Mr. Ackermann and Mr. Newman.

The big payouts are being offered even though Deutsche has been badly burned in the past when it gave Incrative pay packages to secure what it believed to be top investment banking talent. Most notably, Deutsche went on an expensive shopping spree to build up its Deutsche Morgan Grenfell investment banking unit, with very little impact on the bank's bottom line.

something to make sure that the acquisition goes as smoothly as possible, given the potential for client defections or a late start in snaring new business if the investment banking unit lacks di-rection and stability. Deutsche already lost dozens of investment bankers this year who specialized in making deals in the high-technology business.

The bank is expected to retreat from its policy of awarding bonuses in the form of Deutsche Bank shares.

The senior ranks of Bankers Trust have been badly divided in recent months both because of the heavy trading losses the bank suffered in Russia and other emerging markets and by disagreement about how the bank was managing its risky junk bond business. Much

Nonetheless, Deutsche has to do of the ill will growing from these prob-omething to make sure that the ac- lems has been directed internally at Mr. Newman, even though the economic downturn overseas affected a broad array of financial services companies. Bankers Trust has also struggled to

integrate the Baltimore brokerage firm Alex. Brown into its ranks. It acquired 'tlement activity by all possible means.' Alex. Brown last year, but a number of

official, can play a valuable role helping to overcome regulatory hurdles in Washington. Deutsche is likely to face tough scrutiny about some of its industrial and financial holdings in Germany, as well as its involvement with the Nazi regime during World War II.

# **DONORS:** Aid for Palestinians

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pected to seek up to \$1.2 billion in additional aid as a result of the Wye agreement, while Palestinian officials sought the \$400 million in new aid.
The United States also hopes that an

expanded aid package to the Palestinians will allow Mr. Arafat to blunt the influence of the radical Islamic militant organization Hamas, which has built public support by sponsoring medical clinics, schools and sports clubs.

State Department officials said that only two Arab nations, Syria and Lebanon, turned down invitations to the meeting Monday, just as they did when invited to the 1993 conference. Syria and the Syrian-controlled government of Lebanon have been harsh critics of the Israeli-Palestinian peace process.

Even as they spoke optimistical, about the chances of increasing aid to the Palestinians. State December 2. Palestinians, State Department officials acknowledged that they had effectively suspended plans to open a Middle Eastern development bank, an institution that they had once billed as a symbol of economic cooperation among Israel, the

Palestinians and their neighbors.

Plans for the Middle East and North Africa Development Bank were announced in 1994. The bank, with the United States as its largest shareholder, was supposed to encourage Israelis and Arabs to work together with private investors on regional development, proj-

But the United States was unable to get the main Middle Eastern partners in the project -- Israel, Egypt, Jordan and the Palestinians — to agree on a charter for the bank. And without their support State Department officials said, Co. gress refused to make a contribution to capitalize the bank.

#### ■ Violations of Accord Alleged

Israel and the Palestinians accused each other of gravely violating the peace accord Monday, with Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu warning that be could walk away from agreements altogether, The Associated Press reported from Ramallah, West Bank.

Mr. Netanyahu said statements by Mr.

Arafat on his plans for independence in May were "serious and insufferable." Palestinian negotiators dismissed Mr. Netanyahu's threats and said that continued Jewish settlement activity was

destroying chances for peace.

Ahmed Qureia, speaker of the Palestinian Legislative Council, said Monday at the end of a session of Parliament that the council would "confront set-

"We cannot continue to say that there senior executives left over concerns is a peace process while settlement exabout how it was being managed, and the unit has continuing morale problems.

But Mr. Newman, a former Treasury tinians would not take part in negotiations for a final peace treaty unless Israel stopped expanding Jewish settlements in the West Bank, which Israel captured from Jordan in the 1967 Mideast War.

As part of the land-for-peace agreement signed by Mr. Netanyahu and Mr. Arafat in Washington in October, Israel has begun withdrawing troops from 13 percent more of the West Bank in exchange for Palestinian security measures

against terrorist groups.

The Palestinians say the peace agreements do not prevent Mr. Arafat from declaring statehood on May 4, 1999, the day the five-year period of Palestinian autonomy in the West Bank and Gaza

Mr. Arafat said Sunday in Washing, ton he hoped the coming year "will be the year of the independent Palestinian

Such a move would lead to the "col-

lapse" of the peace accords, Mr. Net-anyahu's office said. He has warned that he would counter any such move by annexing large chunks of West Bank land still under his con-

Monday, the militant Palestinian group Islamic Jihad announced that one of its leaders, thought to have masterminded a car bombing last month, had been arrested by Palestinian intelligence.

# **Bonn Pledges** To Improve Ties to Paris

BONN - The German deputy foreign minister, Guenther Verheugen, said that the Franco-German summit starting Mond would try to find ways of making ties between the two countries more relevant to ordinary people.

"What we have to do over the next few years is to expand this special Franco-German relationship, to liberate it from the narrow area of politics and to make it an issue which affects the people in both countries," Mr. Verheugen told German radio.

His comments echoed remarks by the paceswoman for President Jacques Chirae of France, Catherine Colonna, who said that Mr. Chirac and Chancellor Gethard Schroeder had prepared "with special care" for a meeting whose "am-bition is to give a new impulse to Franco-German solidarity and friendship."

The two-day meeting in the Potsdam, Germany, beginning Monday afternoon, is Mr. Schroeder's first Franco-German summit meeting since he took office last

Bonn has offered conflicting signals on whether it may be moving closer to France's line on European Union expansion, namely that institutional reform of the bloc must be completed before new members can be admitted.

Under Germany's previous govern-ment, Bonn pushed for former Communist states of Central and Eastern Europe to be admitted sooner rather than later, saying institutional reform could take place at the same time. Mr. Schroeder's administration has been more cautious, declining to name a date it believes is realistic for new members

Mr. Verheugen said that this did not mean the new government was less eager about getting new members on board. "The new government hasn't put tence if convicted in his separate trial on its foot on the brake," he said. "It has stopped the illusions and empty prom"A man's life—or for that matter his ises of the past."

Mr. Verheugen appeared to show sympathy for the French position, say-ing, "Without reform of the EU, it ing, "Without retorm or me EU, it simply won't be possible to complete membership negotiations with our part-

Another central issue at the talks is the court, the attorney-general, Deputy likely to be Germany's efforts to reduce Public Prosecutor Abdul Gani Patail and Another central issue at the talks is its payments to EU coffers. Mr. Ver- his deputy, Azahar Mohammed. heugen said that Bonn and Paris were agreed on many issues in this area but noted that financing of agricultural policy remained a sticking point.

# Turkey's Secularist Armed Forces Warn Politicians

avoid comments that could draw the army into politics.

The warning, from the strongly sec-ularist General Staff, appeared directed at the pro-Islamist Virtue Party. But it reflected broader worries over uncer-tainty that has followed the collapse of Prime Minister Mesut Yilmaz's govemment last week.

The General Staff, which has an established role as "guardian" of the secularist order, urged political leaders in a statement to "show the necessary care and sensitivity" in negotiations to

form a new government.
"We consider it beneficial that any-

Reuters

ANKARA — Turkey's powerful the public in the correct way and should generals issued a pointed warning avoid statements that could draw the avoid comments that could draw the armed forces into politics?" said the statement, reported by the state-owned

Anatolian News Agency. 'It is out of the question to say the Turkish armed forces likes one party over another."

The statement followed reported comments by Recai Kutan, head of the Virtue Party, on Sanrday. The daily newspaper Milliyet quoted him as say-'I have higher chances than Yilmaz to form the new government" because

"I bave no worries about the military.

We are seeing signs that the military likes the policies of our party." According to convention, Mr. Kutan, as head of the largest party in Par-

interpreted by secularist parties as a caution against offering concessions to the Virtue Party for tacit or active backing.

Turkey's armed forces have a history principles of the constitution.' of involvement in politics, carrying out three coups between 1960 and 1980. Pressure from the generals led to the downfall of the country's first Islamist-led government in June last year.

Since then, the Welfare Party, which headed that cabinet, has been banned and officials of the successor Virtue Party have been prosecuted on charges of violating the constitution.

The General Staff, invoking Mustafa state, made clear it would not tolerate emment assembled.

liament, should be given the first op-portunity to form a new government. The General Staff statement could be consistent behavior and attitudes that they value all contemporary views that comply with Ataturk's principles and reforms that are in line with the basic

> The National Security Council, meeting Monday afternoon, was expected to discuss efforts to form a government as well as Turkey's dispute with Italy over the fate of the Kurdish separatist Abdullah Ocalan.

Newspapers quoted President Suley-man Demirel, who must appoint someone to form a government, as suggesting that elections brought forward to April should be put back again to Kernal Ataturk, founder of the secular 2000 and a broad-based reforming gov-

# **MALAYSIA:** Turmoil in Court

Continued from Page 1

ruption charges in the current trial as well as to a fifth corruption charge and five counts of sodomy.

if convicted of corruption, Mr. Anwar faces a maximum penalty of 14 years. The sodomy charges each carry a maximum penalty of 20 years plus whipping. Mr. Zainur had refused earlier Mon-

day to apologize for his allegations that

prosecutors tried to fabricate evidence

against Mr. Anwar. The allegations were contained in a court application that he filed Saturday on behalf of Mr. Anwar. Mr. Anwar accessed the two prosecutors of "going out of their way" to get his tennis partner, Solaimalai Nallakaruppan, to help the office of Attorney-General Mohar Abdullah by falsely implicating

him in sex offenses with various women. Mr. Nalla, as Mr. Nallakaruppan is known, was arrested earlier this year under the draconian Internal Security Act and faces a mandatory death sen-

freedom — is not a tool for a prosecution agency to use as a bargaining chip," Mr. Manjeet wrote in a letter to the altorneygeneral attached to the affidavit. Justice Paul accused Mr. Zainur of

"I am unable to tender my apologies," the defense counsel replied. The judge then ruled Mr. Zaimr would be charged

with contempt of court.

trying to undermine the integrity of this trial" and ordered him to apologize to



AWARENESS TOOLS - A man dressed as Mahatma Gandhi, arbe charged chitect of India's freedom, expressing his views in front of an "AIDS" in order for us to be able to attain our (AFP, AP) monster" at a rally in Bombay on Monday. World AIDS Day is Tuesday. profitability goal, "said Leif Johansson,

# **VOLVO:** Cuts as the Competition Stiffens

Continued from Page 1

Mexico, Mexicana de Autobuses, and equip it to build buses and cars for the North American Free Trade Agreement

With a 1.7 percent market share, Volvo is Europe's seventh-largest pro-ducer, not including the European units of Ford and General Motors, and is dwarfed by market leaders like Volks-wagen, the No. 1, with an 18 percent market share. And competition grows increasingly bitter.

This year, European car sales are expected to rise by 4.6 percent, to 14 million cars, then decline next year to 13.7 million, as European economies slow, according to the latest car industry fore-

nomic forecasting firm.

BMW said last week it would cut. 2,500 jobs at a Rover factory in Britain, and to the slowness of cost-cutting toand Ford has announced it would cut 2,300 jobs in Belgium. Fiat has said it will run factories slow for several weeks during the holiday season to reduce in-

reorganization, results have been dis- was offset by increased sales elseappointing. In the first nine months of this year, net profit dropped to \$679.9

margin, or operating profit as a per- growth.

the president and chief executive if

Mr. Johansson said Volvo would determine in December how large a reserve to set aside for the reorganization. The cutbacks announced on Monday heartened investors. Volvo's shares rose

1.50 Swedish kronor, or 18 cents, to 189

on Monday. Stefan Lorentson, a spokesman for Volvo, said management in the United States would have to decide "how. when, and where" to make cuts there. Volvo operates several plants in the

United States, including a truck factory in New River Valley, Virginia, and one for marine engines in Lexington, Ken-Volvo attributes the weakness in profcast by Standard & Poor's DRI, an eco- itability to the cost of introducing models like the Volvo S80, a new flagship

sedan that entered the market this fall,

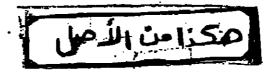
offset the drag of an aging product line. Announcing the disappointing nine-month results, Mr. Johansson said that sales this year had increased "according to plan" and that turbulence in Asia, Thus, despite Volvo's recent efforts at where Volvo sells 6 percent of its cars,

But he acknowledged that the emergmillion, from \$1.1 billion a year earlier, ing market turbulence of recent months despite a 15 percent increase in sales to had not figured into Volvo's original \$18.3 billion.

At the start of reorganization, Volvo set itself the goal of a 5 percent operating adapt cost levels to smaller volume

centage of revenues; at the end of nine months the margin had slipped to 4.2 percent, from 4.4 percent a year earlier.

"There is still much work remaining equipment divisions. The remaining in order for us to be able to attain our jobs will be cut in various small units,



# **EUROPE**

# A Plan to Level the Euro MP Paying Field

By Barry James

BRUSSELS - What is the difference between a Spaniard and an

The answer, if both are members of the European Parliament: About \$7,500 a month.

 Because they earn the same amount as members of the national parliaments in their home countries, members of the European Parliament receive widely disparate rates of pay, ranging from 2,828 European currency units a month for the Spaniard to 9,635 ecus for the Italian

"Such differentials are very hard to justify," says Willi Rothley, the German rapporteur of the committee for legal affairs and citizens rights, which has drafted a report calling for an independent statute for the European Parliament and a common basic rate of pay for all members.

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The Parliament's president, Jose Maria Gil Robles of Spain, and other senior officials are hoping that the Parliament will approve the statue when it meets in plenary session on Wednesday. If they vote in favor, the document will be submitted to European Union heads of state and govetument for consideration at their summit conference in Vienna next week.



JUST SO — Germany's transport minister, Franz Muentefering, adjusting his tie, inspected by his Austrian counterpart, Caspar Emem, before an EU meeting on Monday in Brussels.

statute approved in time for the Euro-

pean parliamentary elections in June. If the reform is passed, members would receive a salary based on the entire payroll for members — 3.55 million ecus - divided by the total number of seats, 626. This would give

pel the gravy-train image of the Par-liament in many European countries and give the assembly more cred-ibility among voters. They want the ans, who would find themselves being Members from three countries -

Germany, Austria and Italy - now receive considerably more than the proposed average, and getting them to approve the measure may be like asking turkeys to vote for Thanksgiving. But members from Finland, Greece, The officials say it would make the an average salary of about 5,678 ecus ireland, Luxembourg, Portugal and assembly more independent, help dis-a month - manna for the Spaniards, Sweden earn considerably less, and

they could be expected to be in favor of the proposed reform.

A senior official of the Parliament said it would be possible to make the case for higher salaries for Euro MPs because they often have broader re-sponsibilities, particularly if they serve on important committees, and because they are expected to have skills, including language abilities, that their

national counterparts do not have. Some of the least paid members are actually rather hard up, the official said. It is a full-time job, with little scope for moonlighting, and many members from outlying constituen-cies spend all day traveling to committee meetings in Brussels or plenary sessions in Strasbourg.

On the other hand, a generous system of allowances with no accounting asked has made the Parliament a by-word for profligacy and has, as Mr. Rothley said, "proved to be a highly controversial issue in certain member

Some members who live in Brussels have been known to pocket roundtrip air fares from their home countries. Others have simply pocketed some or all of the allowances meant to

enable them to employ support staff.

Mr. Gil Robles has made a start at eliminating such practices by insisting that members will get paid their daily allowances for attending Parliament only if they actually show up.

## BRIEFLY

## Genocide Trial Opens Against Bosnian Serb

THE HAGUE — The genocide trial of the self-styled "Serb Adolf Hitler," Goran Jelisic, opened before the UN war crimes tribunal here Monday.

The hearing was held behind closed doors to examine procedural questions at the request of the defense.

Mr. Jelisic, 30, pleaded guilty last month to murdering and torturing Muslims and Croats, but he denied the charge of genocide, saying his actions were not part of a Muslim population.

# Bonn Rejects a Delay Of Nuclear Power Exit

BONN - The government rejected pleas by the energy industry Monday to delay legislation that will start Germany's planned exit from nuclear power.

The Environment Ministry also accused energy companies of slowing the bill by delaying responses to requests for details on their nuclear activities

## Yeltsin Meets Staff Chief

MOSCOW - President Boris Yeltsin remained in a government hospital Monday

receiving treatment for pneumonia, while his Communist foes in Parliament pressed

ahead with an impeachment motion.

Mr. Yeltsin, 67, who has been hospitalized since Nov. 22, was "getting better" and held a meeting with his chief of staff, his office said. An impeachment panel, meanwhile, is debating whether he is responsible for the military's decline.

# Swiss Prosecute Russian

GENEVA --- A suspected member of the Russian mafia, Sergei Mikhailov, went on trial amid tight security in Geneva on Monsystematic plan to exterminate the Bosnian day in what a prosecutor characterized as a mere suggestion of Russian-sponsored organized crime in Switzerland.

Mr. Mikhailov, 40, is accused of organ-ized crime, of having no right to be in Switzerland and buying property illegally, charges he denies. If convicted, he faces up to seven and a half years in prison. (Reuters)

## Transsexual Voted Out

QUELLENDORF, Germany - Residents of this village in Eastern Germany have voted in a referendum to dismiss their mayor after he took steps to become a

transsexual. The vote in Quellendorf on Sunday went against Norbert Lindner, a 40-year-old married father of two who this year assumed a female identity and began calling himself (Reuters)

# Macedonia's Political Radicals Are Finding Common Ground

By Mike O'Connor New York Times Service

SKOPJE, Macedonia - With the that they would never have true repwar in neighboring Kosovo as the resentation because, they said, the example of what could happen if Slav-dominated political system was they fail, the leaders of Macedonia's rigged against them most radical ethnic political parties

this tragile ex-Yugoslav republic. smooth negotiations, the composition of a government that could won control of Parliament in elecprove to be a significant Balkan tions this month, the stage seemed to experiment in power-sharing between ethnic groups was being de-

bated by Parliament on Monday. Expressing an idea that seems find common ground for ethnic integration through mutual under-

Indeed, Mr. Xhaferi thought this

ans, who number about a quarter of the population in Macedonia, feared

They saw as their main opponent are forming a coalition to govern the most nationalist party, the Internal Macedonian Revolutionary After two weeks of surprisingly Organization. When that group, as the senior member of a coalition, nationalist group to take power and oppress ethnic minorities.

instead the leader of the nationwhinsically romantic in the vio- alist party, Ljupco Georgievski, lence-racked Balkans, Arbei started negotiating with Mr. Xhaferi Khaferi, a leader of Macedonia's — whose support he did not need to ethnic Albanians, said: "We can govern — to see how they could

work together. 32, who will be the new prime min-

recently. He and many other Albani- stroy Macedonia by seceding. In re- province in southern Serbia. viewing ways to settle their differences, Mr. Xhaferi said, "a small miracle" occurred.

"Actually, we had never talked before," he said. "We had shaken hands at a couple of events. But I thought, 'We are here and they are here, so let's put our problems on the table and see if they are as bad as we

Ethnic Albanians in Macedonia feel strongly that they are system-atically discriminated against by the government, and foreign diplomats concur. In a very poor country, the ethnic Albanians are generally the poorest, have the worst medical care and schools, and hold proportionally many fewer jobs in the public

Worst of all, many feel they have no stake in Macedonia, which broke Until recently Mr. Georgievski, away from Yugoslavia in 1991, and see independence as the only soluister, had accused Mr. Xhaferi's tion, perhaps in league with Albania deal impossible to achieve until very supporters of only wanting to de or Kosovo, the ethnic Albanian that ethnic Albanians are trying to operate.

Last June, when the insurrection in Kosovo seemed to favor the Albanian paratists, a despondent leader of Mr. Xhaferi's party said that Albanians in Macedonia were beginning to believe that they, too, should take up guns. Three days later that man, Alaidin Demiri, began a two-year prison sentence for raising an Albanian flag outside the city hall of Tetovo, a largely Albanian city of which he was

the mayor. When ethnic Albanian politicians began to talk with Mr. Georgievski, one of his first concessions was that Mr. Demiri and another mayor convicted of the same offense be released. According to Mr. Xhaferi, they also agreed on a plan to give much more power to local governments and to settle a sometimes violent rallying point for both sides: a university where instruction is in the

Albanian language. Many Slavs in Macedonia fear

noates for the

form a separate society, and demand that higher education be in Macedonian. Mr. Georgievski, at considerable political risk, has agreed to use state funds to support the Albanian-language university, Mr.

Xhaferi said. Mr. Georgievski said he expected no trouble from extremists in his party or in Mr. Xhaferi's. Rather, he is determined to convince them to join him. "In Macedonia, we will make them part of the system," he

Mr. Xhaferi, who in the past has hinted that Albanians here may have to secede in order to secure political rights, now says they must learn to work with Macedonian politicians.

Foreign diplomats and Macedonian politicians say even the most radical people here now see that the landlocked country, sandwiched be-tween Serbia, Albania, Greece and Bulgaria, will remain poor and isolated unless its leaders learn to co-



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**Finai** 

By Bradley Graham Washington Post Service

WASHINGTON — After spending more than \$1 billion conceiving a plan for shooting down ballistic missiles from ships, the navy is about to formally enter the multibillion-dollar sweepstakes to construct the first reliable medium-range anti-missile shield, a contest dominated until now by the army.

A high-level Pentagon panel that augrams is due soon to approve the navy's confident of achieving a basic workable concept for turning its fleet of Aegis forms for launching high-altitude inter-ceptors, a legacy of President Ronald make it effective against more advanced missile threats on the horizon. cruisers and destroyers into mobile plattegic Defense Initiative.

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Russia remains heavily dependent on

imports of food - so dependent that the

Kremlin has put aside its pride and sought almost 5 million tons of food aid

It is a bitter legacy for a nation where

ties to the land seem almost primordial and where 100 million citizens tend their

own modest plots to grow fruit and vege-

leading agricultural specialist at a gov-

emment academy of economics. "Un-

fortunately, Russia does not have either.

Food security is a big, big issue."
Nestled on 1,600 hectares (4,000

Russia's neglect of agricultural reform.

this was a state-owned collective,

grandly called the 50th Anniversary of

the Soviet Union Farm. It had a bloated

against pilferage. But its production of

wheat meat and milk was buoyed by

state-subsidized feed, fertilizer and

workers an opportunity to break free of the collective. No one did.

to the farm, keeping only tiny plots for

The demise of the Soviet Union gave

Each worker received a handsome

stead, the workers leased their land back on to stay afloat.

tractors.

from the United States and Europe.

**RUSSLA:** Farmers Await Seeds of Change

"Farming requires good management lective farms and account for a mere 5 and capital," said Viktor Lishchenko, a percent of farmland.

acres) near the city of Novgorod in the land as collateral to obtain loans. Pro-Northwest, Savino is a textbook case of grams to teach farmers accounting and

During the heyday of Soviet power, Russia lacks the infrastructure to de-

work force and fought a daily battle the modern equipment in the world, it against pilferage. But its production of would not solve their problem," said

pasture and farm it for themselves. In- the government handouts it used to count

range anti-missile system.

But the project is less tested than the army option. Intercept flight tests will not begin until 2000. And senior Pentagon officials are skeptical that the navy can meet its aim of developing a modest initial capability by 2005.

"The program has been long on view graphs and short on engineering work," said a senior defense official involved in supervising the Pentagon's anti-missile thorizes major defense acquisition pro- efforts. Further, navy officials, while project than administration officials. system over the next six years, acknowledge having little idea of how much

The earliest version of the navy sys-With the army's \$14 billion effort tem is designed to shoot down missiles faltering badly amid a host of quality- equivalent to North Korea's No Dong control problems and five consecutive and Iran's Shahab-3, which have ranges intercept test failures, the navy program of 1,000 to 1,300 kilometers (600 to 800

themselves to grow vegetables and per-

Mr. Remizov, who also was director of

has about 275,000 private farms, but

they are generally far smaller than col-

Nor is the number of private farms

increasing. Without the right to buy and

sell land, many investors are reluctant to

pour their money into Russian agriculture. Cash-poor farmers cannot use their

other management skills are rare. And

velop a market that would distribute

'If you gave the Russian farmers all

domestic produce across the vast land.

Christian Foster, an expert on Russian farming at the UN Department of Agriculture. "They need to operate their

Officially, Savino is now a joint stock

Savino's work force remains swollen,

farms like a real business.

certainty and financial difficulties." It is a common story. Few of Russia's 27,000 former collective farms have been broken up or restructured. Russia

'Nobody wanted to leave,' recalled

Savino farm in Soviet times. "People seem to be afraid of the un-

haps raise a pig or a calf.

to acquire a similar weapon, administration officials sav.

With Congress pressing for faster development of U.S. anti-missile defenses, the navy already has invested \$1.1 billion in perfecting the concept for its Theater Wide system since 1995. Of that, \$628 million came in the form of congressional add-ons to administration budget requests, pushed by Republican lawmakers more enamored of the navy's

The Pentagon's five-year budget provides \$1.5 billion more for the program. But the navy says it will need nearly twice that amount to meet the 2005 target date.

the most of what the navy already has lots of: ships equipped with an integrated network of radars and weapon controls known as the Aegis combat system. Instead of trying to build an anti-missile

hope for fielding an effective medium-range anti-missile system.

about 2.150 kilometers, and Iran intends to acquire a similar weapon, adminis-to acquire a similar weapon, adminis-wants to capitalize on its \$57 billion, 65-50 U.S. states from missile attack. Some

anched Standard missile to make it fast enough to chase enemy missiles, the navy contends it can provide a protective umbrella over land and water. A ship in the Sea of Japan, for instance, could defend U.S. troops in Japan and South Korea ainst a North Korean attack. Similarly, a ship in the Gulf could counter missiles launched by Iraq or Iran.

"One of the advantages that the navy has is that we're building on proven sys-tems," said Rear Admiral Phillip Balisle, The navy's concept rests on making vice commander of the Naval Sea Systems Command. "But I would not want to lead you to believe we have underestimated the complexity of the mission."

designed to protect regions where troops serving the anti-ballistic missile accord

ship investment in Aegis gadgetry now Republican supporters see the navy sysused to track aircraft and vessels. tem as having the potential to shield U.S. used to track aircraft and vessels.

By tweaking the Aegis radar to scan higher altitudes and bolstering the ship.

They say that if U.S. warships in the learnessed Standard missile to make it. Pacific and Atlantic oceans were able to shoot down intercontinental ballistic missiles headed toward the United States, there would be little need for the landbased national plan, which has been cost-

ing \$1 billion a year to develop.
Using interceptors aboard ships to guard U.S. skies, however, would violate the 1972 Anti-Ballistic Missile Treaty signed with the Soviet Union and in force with Russia. In some measure, the strong Republican backing for the navy's project reflects support within the Republican Party for scrapping the treaty as a Cold War relic. But the Clinton administration intends to limit the navy system Both the navy and army systems are to battlefield defense and argues for prehas emerged in the eyes of many missile miles). But North Korea has tested a weapon from scratch, as the army has are deployed. They are forerumers of a to keep Russia from reneging on condefense advocates as the nation's best longer-range Taepo Dong reaching attempted with its ill-fated Theater more ambitious plan to build a network of mitments to reduce its nuclear arsenal.

# U.S. Could Bypass UN, Annan Ådmits

PARIS - Secretary-General Kofi Annan said Monday that Washington could strike Iraq with-out prior United Nations Security Council clearance if a new crisis occurred between Baghdad and the world body over arms inspections.

Asked by Radio Europe One if there could be a strike without a Security Council meeting before-hand, Mr. Annan replied: "That is a the impression which I have."

"Washington and London have dready indicated that the next time, ... they will act very quickly and not re take time for diplomatic contacts," an Mr. Annan said, adding: "They be lieve they can act under cover of existing resolutions and do not need. further resolutions."

## Lebanon Must Seek Hariri Alternative

BEIRUT — President Emile Lahoud said Monday he had accepted the refusal of the caretaker Prime Minister Rafik Hariri to head

a new government.
"The president has accepted Hariri's refusal to head the government and will start consultations to choose a new prime minister on Tuesday," a

presidential statement said.
It said Mr. Lahoud had asked Mr. Harin on Friday to remain in his p post but that the prime minister who has headed Lebanon's gov emment since 1992, refused.

# Homemade Bombs Hit 2 Targets in Rio

SAO PAULO homemade bombs exploded in central Rio de Janeiro on Monday morning, one ripping apart the bath-room of a McDonald's fast-food restaurant and the second damaging ; state water utility headquarters, emergency officials said.

No injuries were reported in either blast.

The first bomb exploded at 9.

A.M. in a McDonald's, causing about \$4,500 worth of damage, according to fire fighters. A few blocks away, a bomb went off al-u most an hour later at the headquar-; ters of Rio de Janeiro's state water and sewage utility, Globo television. reported. (Reuters)

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The animals are filthy. A milkmaid is paid a 10-kopek boins for keeping each

"I ask them to clean the cows," said Mr. Voloboyev, "but they say,



Homeless Muscovites getting soup and bread Monday as temperatures plunged to minus-20 centigrade.

but since many are pensioners, only about 200 work the farm. A comparable Banding together, certainly, has not farm in the United States would be run brought Savino's farmers prosperity. by a handful of workers.

if underpaid. Some 500 people live here, for raw milk, livestock and wheat. Loans are hard to come by. The regional government in Novgorod offered the farm a two-month loan at 25 percent, but the farm cannot afford to pay it back Seed, feed, fertilizer and tractors over such a short period and turned it certificate allowing them to take about 4 company; in reality it operates much as it now must be bought in the marketplace down. So instead of the 1,500 tons of hectares of tilled land and 2 hectares of did when it was state-owned, but without at sky-high prices. Big dairies, mear fertilizer a year it used in Soviet times, factories and grain elevators have Savino is making do this year with 120 become regional monopolies, pushing tons. And instead of buying new tractors become regional monopolies, pushing tons. And instead of buying new tractors
down farm revenues by paying less and harvesters, old ones are lined up in a the fetid paddock where Mr. Voloboyev

> Savino lost a million rubles (nearly \$60,000) over the past two years. That's milkmaid, who tends to them one-by- refuse. normal; about 80 percent of Russian one and then carries away the steaming farms are unprofitable. They survive pails. A milkmaid receives 400 to 600 through barter, delaying tax payments, rubles a month for her efforts.

paying their workers with food instead of money or squeezing tax breaks and other concessions from regional author-

What most farms have not done is reorganize by laying off unneeded workers, concentrating on crops that are most profitable or introducing modern business techniques.

muddy lot awaiting the spare parts that oversees the dairy cows. The feed is the farm scrambles to buy. "We don't short on the nutrients needed to raise have a chance to buy basic equipment," milk production. The conveyor belts that Mr. Remizzov said. "If I could get a loan distribute feed are old and rickety. The

Each row of 40 cows is assigned to a than one U.S. cent a cow. Most simply

# don't you do it yourself?'

## CHINA: Officials Vow to Stay the Course on Economic Reform Continued from Page 1

growing unemployment problem.

But his highly publicized press conference at least sent a loud and clear signal that the government remained firmly committed to trying Prime Minister Zhu Rongji's bitter-pill brand of economic overhaul.

In a wide-ranging press conference Mr. Sheng, whose ministry is central to the country's economic reform efforts, also suggested that the government's goal of achieving an 8 percent growth rate was still realistic.

More surprisingly, he insisted that by the end of the year, the government planned effectively to "de-link" the ment and labor unrest, even as they have Communist Party, government minis-tries, the army and the police from their even speculated that his star was falling. multitude of business interests, in accordance with a previously stated

ganizations should shed their businesses reducing the number of employees. Strongly worded statements by both unlikely that these agencies could truly Mr. Zhu and Mr. Sheng came as some-

divest themselves of the thousands of thing of a surprise, since economist hotels stores and restaurants they own in both in and out of China had recently he next four weeks.

Significantly, Mr. Sheng's remarks came just three days after Prime Minister Zhu, the principal architect of the reforms, re-emerged from a few months in the shadows and again took center stage a very public tour of Liaoning Province, the epicenter of large, inefficient state-owned factories.

Mr. Zhu's relative silence on econom-

ic matters this fall had been taken by many foreign experts as a sign that the central leadership had lost interest in his "get tough" economic reforms, which have resulted in widespread unemploy-

But this week, the voluble Mr. Zhu again came on strong, praising those Although business experts have long had for the first time turned a profit, maintained that China's government organization that their basinesses.

said that the government had slowed tilk restructuring of state industries, instead. pumping money into them in a desperate. effort to stimulate economic growth. Many economists said the country

had little choice but to curtail its aming economic growth, a fall-off in exports and rising unemployment.

Indeed, Mr. Sheng acknowledged that

the regional recession had caused China's exports to nose-dive and that the devaluation of other regional currencies had made Chinese products relatively more expensive. And he noted that profits from China's large- and medium? sized state industries had fallen by more than 50 percent in the first 10 months of this year, compared with a similar period

But he insisted that the government would stay its course, since there were signs that the economy was improved nd, after one year of economic haul, some of the most bloated industries had been effectively pruned."

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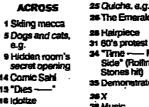
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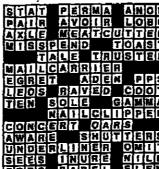


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# mdia Leader Rejects Calls To Quit After Poll Losses

NEW DELHI - Prime Minister Atal Bihari Vajpayee of India reibeted opposition calls Monday for his resignation, following his Hindu rationalist party's crushing defeat in state elections.

Opposition members twice msed the speaker to suspend Parhament's first session as they chanted for Mr. Vajpayee's resig-

Mr. Vajpayee, 71, told a meeting Cartners in the coalition headed by his Bharatiya Janata Party that he ad no intention of stepping down.
The prime minister said he was prepared to prove his multiparty co-alition, in office eight months, still had majority support in the 545-seat

The Bharatiya Janata Party has been on the defensive after losing dontrol of the Delhi region and Rajasthan state to a resurgent Congress
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Congress-governed state of Madhya Bradesh in the country's heartland in the elections. We kneed ay.

In the house, Mr. Vajpayee cut a

pensive and lonely figure, as dozens of opposition lawmakers crowded around the speaker chanting "Vajplayee resign and ignoring requests

The government has no moral right to continue," said a former defense minister, Mulayam Singh

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KELIGIOUS WAR — A monk, right, taking aim with a slingshot during a renewed clash at the 1,000-year-old Chogye Temple in Seoul on Monday. About 1,000 monks struggled for control of Chogye, the largest Buddhist temple in South Korea, and 10 people were reported injured.

broke out again after lunch. Earlier Monday, Bharatiya Janata Party leaders dismissed calls for Mr. Vajpayee's resignation, saying the party's defeat in the state polls did not amount to a mandate against the federal government.

The Congress Party, led by the Italian-born Sonia Gandhi, said late Mr. Vajpayee by wooing some of his disgranded coalition partners.

The spokesman for the Bharaiya

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five-year term. Neither the Congress nor the others are in a position to provide a viable alternative government," he said. "And no one is prepared for

fresh elections. But newspapers agreed Monday Italian-born Sonia Gandhi, said late with the opposition argument that said Arjun Singh of the Congress Sunday that it had no plans to topple the election Wednesday amounted Party, after a meeting of the party to a referendum on the federal gov-

"Few parties in any democracy um, the speaker adjourned the Janata Party, Krishan Lal Sharma, frittered away such a fund of public anything, house. The speaker finally suspen—also dismissed the possibility of a goodwill in so fast a time as the BIP last long.

The Economic Times called for

new election. Congress Party legislator kept a low profile during the Parliament uproar Monday.

'We are not going to work overtime for the fall of the government," leadership.

"Patience has its own virtue. Unless it falls on its own, we will not do anything. It doesn't appear it will

# **Mobs Burn** 4 Mosques In Indonesia

JAKARTA - Christian mobs bent on revenge for earlier attacks on churches set fire to four mosques in eastern Indonesia on Monday after a protest by thousands of Christians degenerated into a riot, the military said.

The rampaging crowds also burned a market, a Muslim school and a hostel for Islamic pilgrims in Kupang, a Christian-dominated city of 120,000 in the world's most populous Muslim nation.

The official Antara news agency said several Muslim prayer rooms and other small places of Islamic worship also were anacked.

By nightfall, troops and riot police parrolled the streets in Kupang.
The violence came in retaliation for the burning and ransacking of 22 churches by Muslim mobs in the capital, Jakarta, on Nov. 22, when

14 people were killed. Hoping to cool tensions, Kupang's Roman Catholic bishop, Perrus Turang, apologized for the burn-ings on RCTI television, and Islamic leaders urged Indonesia's Muslim majority not to retaliate.

#### Suharto Inquiry Is Delayed

Indonesian officials postponed the creation of a commission of inquiry Monday that would investigate corruption allegations against former President Subarto, The Associated Press reported from Jakarta.

President B. J. Habibie had been scheduled to announce the makeup of the panel Monday, but State Secretary Akbar Tanjung said that not enough people had agreed to serve on the panel. He said he might have an announcement on the panel soon.

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# Pakistani Seeks Closer U.S. Ties

ISLAMABAD, Pakistan — As he prepared to travel to Washington, Prime Minister Nawaz Sharif said Monday that he would seek to restore close ties between Pakistan and the United States.

Mr. Sharif said the two sides would review discussions on nuclear nonproliferation, an issue that has soured relations between the once-close allies.

Mr. Sharif, who is to meet Wednesday with President Bill Clinton, said he would use the talks to also raise the long-standing Pakistani-Indian dispute over the Him-alayan region of Jammu and Kashmir. (Reuters)

## 2d POW Suit Rejected in Japan

TOKYO - A court rejected on Monday a compensation suit by eight former Durch prisoners of war who had been forced into slave labor by the Japanese Army during World War II, lawyers for the plaintiffs said.

The Tokyo District Court conceded that Japan had committed human rights violations but ruled that under international law, individuals in wartime compensation cases do not have the right to sue the government. The

same court rejected a similar suit a week ago.

The Dutch plaintiffs had demanded \$176,000 from the Japanese government to compensate for physical abuses suffered in prisoner camps in the former Dutch East Indies, now Indonesia, which Japan invaded in the 1940s. The only woman among the plaintiffs sued for being forced into sexual slavery by Japanese troops. (AP)

#### Hun Sen Government Sworn In

PHNOM PENH - Four months after his narrow victory in disputed elections, Hun Sen was sworn in Monday as prime minister of Cambodia with a new government that he promised would carry out reforms. Mr. Hun Sen, his 27 ministers and 54 secretaries of state put on traditional white tunics and orange pantaloons for the ceremony at the Royal Palace.

King Norodom Sihanouk confirmed the government in decree from China, where he is receiving medical treatment. The president of the National Assembly, Prince Norodom Ranariddh, who was first prime minister until a 1997 coup by Mr. Hun Sen, presided over the event. "It is now easy for all of us to be together because we have settled all of the problems," he said. (AP)

# Spratly Dispute Flares Again

# Philippines Arrests Chinese Fishermen at Disputed Islet

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The ministry said in a statement that five soldiers were killed when an army patrol to marked by Tamil Tiger rejects in the eastern Trinco-Taj Palace Hotel, New Delhi Superior Room (Sgl) Taj Bengal, Calcutta Standard Room (Sgl) malee district early Sunday. Taj Coromandel, Chennai Another army patrol con-fronted a group of rebels north of Mankulam in the Superior Room (Sgl) The Taj West End, Bangalore Wanni region and killed two A third rebel was killed by an army sniper, while two more died in a military am-The Taj Group is South Asia's finest hotel group with 50 hotels. It offers the business traveller a wide choice of nearly 6000 well appointed rooms and suites. The business support services are outstanding and include all modern facilities.

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ush, the statement said. Sporadic fighting has been sported in the country's with after heavy fighting in the rebels about control of the key northern town of Kilipochchi.

Days later the military cap-tared Mankulan, which is simated on a highway that troops have been trying to capture in a campaign that is

There was no immediate comment from the Tamil Tigers on the latest fighting. No independent confirmation of events was possible, as jouralists are not allowed to visit he battle zone.

The government in June slapped censorship on war reporting after the military stepped up its campaign to Test control of the high-

The Tamil Tiger rehels have been fighting for a sep-arate homeland in Sri Lanka's north and east since 1983, accusing the Sinhalese majority of oppressing the Tamil

# Don't Coddle Rangoon

There is tough competition for the title, but perhaps no authoritarian re-gime in the world today is more brutal and benighted than the military dictatorship in Burma. That Southeast Asian nation has been condemned to live in poverty and fear by the thuggish, drug-tainted, corrupt generals who wield power. The United Nations General Assembly recently adopted a resolution that gives some sense of the scope of human rights abuse in Burma - including "extrajudicial and arbi-

trary executions, rape, torture, inhuman treatment, mass arrests, forced labor, forced relocation and denial of freedom of expression, assembly, association and movement.' Burma's plight is all the more tragic because unlike many nations that have lived long under dictatorship, it has a

ready alternative. Daw Aung San Suu Kyi, daughter of Burma's hero of postcolonial independence and herself a Nobel Peace faureate, heads a political party that overwhelmingly won an election in 1990. Reflecting just how out of touch they are with those they rule, the generals allowed the vote to take place thinking that they could maintain control. When Burma's voters had other ideas, the generals refused to honor the results. Daw Aung San Suu Kyi has been under house

arrest pretty much ever since. This fall the dictatorship has turned the screws even tighter. Since September, according to Ambassador Betty King, the U.S. representative to the UN Economic and Social Council, nearly 1,000 opposition figures from Daw Aung San Suu Kvi's National League for Democracy and other parties have been detained. The junta claimed that these people were not being arrested but rather invited in to chat, but hundreds have been forced to resign from opposition parties as a condition for release. Hundreds more, including 81year-old U Saw Mra Aung, remain in iail. Others, such as the democracy lead-

er U Aung Min, have died in custody. Now the United Nations and the World Bank have floated the possibility of inducing the dictators to behave better by offering them "carrots" such as \$1 billion or more in loans if they enter a dialogue with Daw Aung San Suu Kyi. Shunned until now by private investors and most aid donors. the junta could use the cash (much of which would come, through the World Bank, from the U.S. government). The idea, according to an account last Thursday in the International Herald Tribune, is to call for "step-by-step compromises from both the govern-

ment and the opposition."

That description tells you the pitfalls of the plan. What "compromises" should be induced from an opposition that is the legitimate government but has been severely repressed for most of a decade? How freely can a leader negotiate when she is forcibly isolated from family and advisers, threatened with exile, vilified in the official press and made to feel responsible for hundreds of supporters at risk in prison?

Burma is the world's chief source of heroin. Its officials tolerate and profit from drug trafficking. A top State Department official, Jonathan Winer, recently said there is no point in spending anti-drug money in Burma. "We have not found them to be reliable partners." The same would be true of economic aid on a larger scale.

Under a legitimate and democratic government, Burma would not need much World Bank help; it is blessed with abundant natural resources and a literate, hardworking population of 46 million. Under the current rulers, any loans will further enrich the corrupt few. Long at the trough, they don't need any carrots from U.S. taxpayers. - THE WASHINGTON POST.

# **Conduct a Fair Census**

guments this Monday on the legality of the Clinton administration's plan to use statistical sampling in the 2000 census. The purpose of the sampling is to correct for the predictable undercounting of poor minorities by conventional census-taking methods. The court's judgment will be momentous, both for its immediate practical consequences and for its symbolic message.

Mandated by Article I of the Constitution, the decennial census count is the basic arithmetic of democracy. It influences the division of political power in Congress and the states, and shapes the flow of many government benefits. Absent a statistical adjustment, minority groups will continue to be disproportionately undercounted and the areas they live in will be shortchanged.

The discrepancy is not trivial. While the 1990 census missed about 2 percent of the nation's overall population, it missed 4.8 percent of the black population and 5.2 percent of the Hispanic population. Statisticians support the feasibility of using sampling methods to improve the count's accuracy.

Before the court are two lower court rulings from Washington and Virginia that held the planned use of sampling as part of the next census to be illegal. at least for the purpose of apportioning

seats in Congress. Those rulings relied on a Federal Census Act provision that requires the secretary of commerce to use sampling in determining population "except for" the purpose of congressional reapportionment. But that statutory language was not meant to bar sampling for reapportionment, merely to make its use discretionary.

The House Republicans behind both lawsuits speak in high-minded tones about the potential for political manipulation if sampling is used. What they really fear is not a phony count but the possibility of an accurate count that would increase the political power of predominantly Democratic areas. They also claim that sampling violates the constitutional requirement of an "actual enumeration" of the population. The court should not embrace such a frozen view, given the framers' clear intent to provide a reliable tally.

In 1996, the court dismissed claims that the federal government has a constitutional obligation to adjust census results to correct the racially disparate undercount. But it did not say that such a correction is impermissible. For the justices to do so now would disregard the statute and the vital principles of equal political participation and one

person, one vote. -THE NEW YORK TIMES

# Other Comment

## No Hostages, No Offers

Quebec polities is Cartesian constitutionalism, calibrated by a highly developed understanding of the power dynamics that have long driven the politics of national unity. There are rules in this game, and Quebec voters know them as well as Quebec politi-cians. And the cardinal rule is this: Ouebee makes demands.

One must threaten separation and chaos. Or so goes the theory. As Lucien Bouchard put it in this year's leaders' debate, "when a sovereigntist government is re-elected, there is

leverage for further gains. The government of Quebec has always insisted that it is not une province comme les autres, and it isn't. The average Quebecker's income is 13 percent below that of his neighbor in Ontario. The number of families living in poverty, at 17.1 percent of households, is one-third higher than in Ontario. By all material measures, Quebec is a havenot province, and the billions of dollars the rest of Canada sends to Quebec each

vear in transfer and equalization payments is proof enough.

When most Quebec politicians talk of "gains," they do not mean bettering the lives of their electorate. They mean acquiring the symbolic attributes sovereignty and governance. [But] there is no sovereignty-association at the end of the rainbow. There are only two choices: total separation or Canada.

We may be about to board the next train to another referendum, but that does not mean its destination is the breakup of Canada, Indeed, such an outcome is highly unlikely. The next government of Quebec may demand booty and threaten referendums, but it cannot any longer dictate the course of events. Mr. Bouchard sways electoral tides in Quebec. but he will not singlehandedly change the currents in the constitutional sea.

Quebec can no longer hold the country hostage simply by declaring that it is doing so. The hostages don't want to play that game any more. The game

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# What the Balkans Need Is Democracy in Serbia

WASHINGTON — Cooperating with Slobodan Milosevic has limited the West's ability to support democratic change in Yugoslavia. Democratic values have been shelved for the

sake of this faulty collaboration. U.S. policy cannot work both with and against Mr. Milosevic and his allies, who do not solve problems but manipulate them for their own preservation. Clearly, no lasting solution to the Balkan crises is possible without fundamental change in Serbia and in the leadership of Yugoslavia. It should be a U.S. policy priority to help bring about those changes

A democratic Serbia with economic ties to Europe should be the ultimate goal. Without real democratic change in Scrbia, the Balkans seem destined for perpetual crisis and successive Western interventions.

In negotiating the 1995 Dayton accords and the Kosovo agreement this fall, Mr. Milosevic positioned himself as the West's indispensable policy partner. The perpetrator of the two Balkan wars has presented himself as es-sential to their solution.

By creating the perception that he is a guarantor of the Kosovo agreement, he gained leverage at home and tolBy Richard G. Lugar

erance abroad to muzzle his democratic opposition and, if necessary, to plan the next Balkan crisis — in Montenegro, perhaps. Unchecked, this will perpetuare crises in the Balkans, make the region a continuous security priority and prove costly to NATO credibility and U.S. interests in Europe.

Mr. Milosevic has seized upon the Kosovo crisis to crack down on the independent media, nongovernmental organizations and other democratic forces in Serbia. He has banned television broadcasts and rebroadcasts of foreign news, shut several independent radio stations and newspapers, denied visas to visiting journalists, dismissed scholars, denied broadcasting frequencies, confiscated properties and harassed pro-democracy organizations.

Serbian victims have begged the West for support but have heard mostly silence. Those attacked and arrested in the internal repression have been branded as NATO lackeys, spies or traitors.

For Mr. Milosevic and his allies, the Kosovo conflict is not merely a matter of maintaining national integrity or Serbian unity. It is a manufactured opportunity to

manipulate internal and external forces to solidify their grip on power. The leaders live well and the poverty and deprivation caused by international sanctions, internal corruption and re-

fusal to adopt market reforms. A policy of engagement with Serbian democratic forces is needed. The United States should abandon a policy that has exempted Serbia from the political reforms demanded of its neighbors. Every senior U.S. and European official visiting Yugoslavia should schedule meetings with opposition members. They should insist that Yugoslavia grant visas to nongovernmental organizations, foreign journalists and others wishing to engage the opposition.

The West also should:

• Fund international exchanges with a broad representation of Serbian society, and invite the opposition to con-ferences outside the country.

 Increase support for independent media, trade unions and democratic groups in Serbia.

 Encourage the courageous media, such as the B-92/ANEM broadcast network, which has been attacked but remains on the air.

• Extend the mandate for free elections and media reform in Kosovo to

Serbia, because it is doubtful that the former can survive without the latter. · Make clear that no easing of sanctions can occur without significant progress on democratic reform.

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The means to support Serbian political reform already exist through the U.S. National Endowment for Democracy, private foundations and other nongovernmental organizations. How-ever, a clear U.S. policy direction and commitment are lacking.

A U.S. led policy of supporting the

opposition in Yugoslavia does note guarantee an instant change in Belgrade's behavior. But if the Western allies hope to do more than respond militarily to repeated crises generated by Belgrade, they must take the initiative from Mr. Milosevic.

The allies have underestimated the potential influence of a concerted program to promote democratic change in Serbia. Such a program offers the best prospect for ending the cycle of con-flict, establishing stability in the Balkans and ultimately integrating Serbiainto the European family.

The writer, a senator from Indiana. contributed this comment to The. Washingon Post.

# The Point Is Not Inspection but the Toppling of Saddam

NEW YORK — The third crisis with Iraq within a year ended like all the others. Iraq reinstated the inspections system, Washington backed off from military action, this time recalling forces already under way, and both sides claimed victory. In a sense, both sides are right. Washington wins the battles, but Saddam Hussein is

winning the war. True, after each crisis the inspectors have returned. But each time there has been a hiatus (the last one of three months) without any inspections, enabling Saddam to shuffle equipment and material from sites on which the inspectors were closing in. When inspections resume, months are consumed developing a new database, and by the time it is completed Saddam has come up with new harassing tactics to degrade it.

The cumulative impact of the various Iragi crises amounts to a strategic setback. Each crisis has reinforced a nattern in which Saddam con-

trols the timing and subject matter of the confrontation. With each successive crisis. American policy has become more captive to a fragile UN consensus. It is symptomatic that in his Nov. 15 statement President Bill Clinton invoked the world community 10 times

and the U.S. national interest exactly once. Each crisis has eroded support for Washington among the Gulf and other Arab states. Having seen America go to the brink and back down three times, they will be reluctant to believe that

it is in for the long haul. Each aborted military action weakens the readiness and morale of America's armed forces.

In each crisis, nations opposed to military action and the UN secretary-general) held out the end of sanctions as a carrot for Saddam to return to inspections. Saddam's argument that the sanctions are the main issue

gains ground. Secretary of State Madeleine Albright has described U.S. policy as keeping Saddam "in his box." But that goal is unBy Henry Kissinger

presently defined.

The UN Special Commission, the inspection group, is a weak instrument. After years of the world's most intrusive inspections, the team still does not know whether Saddam has remaining weapons of mass destruction. And for the last year the inspections system has

worked only intermittently. But should Unscom work perfectly and were it in a position to certify that Saddam was disarmed, sanctions would then be "reviewed," the cuphemism for being lifted, and the inspections system reduced to caretaker status. The United States thus finds itself in a catch-22 situation. The better the inspections system works, the more rapidly restrictions on Iraq will he ended - and Saddam will be in a position to start rearming.

THE Clinton administration I has not been willing to face the fact that the issue is not Unscom but the continued rule of Saddam Hussein.

Mr. Clinton paid lip service on Nov. 15 to a policy of bringing down Saddam, but he offered no plan for accomplishing this. He surely seems to have no confidence in a military solution. He justified aborting the milcan significantly degrade the

itary strike on the ground that "if we take military action we capability of Saddam Hussein to develop weapons of mass destruction and to deliver them, but that would also mark the end of Unscom.

This statement reflects three assumptions: that Saddam is likely to remain in office for the foreseeable future; that U.S. military capacity to degrade Iraq's strategic capability is less useful than inspections; and that Saddam's regime is bound to survive American retaliation. In its military plans, the administration seems wedded to the kind of limited escalation that has been discredited wherever it was tried, most notably in Vietnam.

achievable as the issues are on the problem of Saddam's continued rule dates back to the endgame of the Gulf War. President George Bush de-

serves enormous credit for mobilizing a global coalition against Saddam's occupation of Kuwait (based, by the way, on the world's knowledge that he was prepared to act alone). But the effort stopped short of overthrowing Saddam because it was believed that, with the freeing of Kuwait, the alliance had outrun the UN authorization, that further warfare would risk the breakup of the country and additional casualties, and that in any case, Saddam would fall as a result of his disaster.

When Saddam survived, the United States was left with three policy options: to reconcile with a hopefully chastened Saddam, to keep Saddam "in his box," or to make it a na-

tional policy to overthrow him. The trouble with administration policy is that it (or factions within it) is pursuing all three policies simultaneously.
Thus, in his Nov. 15 state-

ment President Clinton, after calling off the attack, asked for no more than this: "If we can keep Unscom in there working and one more time give him a chance to become honorably reconciled by simply observing UN resolutions, we see that results can be obtained."

None of America's allies in the area believe in the prospect of an "honorable reconciliation" based on observing UN resolutions for a few months. All are convinced that Iraq will bend every effort to rearm as soon as sanctions are lifted, and that the United Nations is straining to find pretexts for lifting the sanctions. The countries in the region that rely on America will judge its relevance by its ability either to depose Saddam or to weaken him to a point where he can no longer rep-

resent a potential threat. Throughout, U.S. military measures in the Gulf have signaled an overriding reluctance to use force. In response to

an alleged Iraqi plot against Mr. Bush's life in 1993, a few cruise missiles were fired into a single building that Washington reassuringly announced had stood empty. In 1996, when Saddam crushed an American-sponsored resistance movement in northern Iraq, the administration responded again with cruise missiles, against radar stations hundreds of miles to the south, And it has recoiled before the use of force in each of Saddam's three chal-

lenges of the last year. This irresolution handicaps even relations with Iran, the largest country in the region. Whatever one's theory regarding Iran's likely evolution, an lraqi government with which America can work would facilitate U.S. options.

Necessary as it is in present circumstances, the United States will not be able to maintain stability in the Gulf indefinitely against the two strongest states, Iraq and Iran. It cannot discourage an aggressive Iran if 1996, when most of those it cannot handle even a defeated whom America supported wells. Iraq. And it will not be able to elicit moderation in Iran if border how easy and effective it the following principles: is to defy the United States.

MORE decisive policy Aagainst Saddam is blocked by the arguments that America must take its lead from the socalled world community, that it should design its actions in relation to specific Iraqi provocations, and that, militarily, unless it can achieve everything, it is better to do nothing. All these schools of thought are represent-

ed within the administration. The result is intellectual confusion and greater concern with placating domestic opinion than with developing a coherent long-range strategy.

The reluctance to use force progressively erodes credibility. Each time Washington fails to fulfill its threats, it is forced to make a more formidable threat in the next round and a larger mobilization of effort. At the end of this vicious circle it will be left with the choice of abdication or a massive assault that, if Saddam is skillful, may

then appear unprovoked. The argument that unless the United States marches on Baghdad it will be unable decisively www.weaken Saddam is poor testimony to the strategic foresight, political will and military capacity of a superpower.

To argue that America is un-able to destroy Iraq's capacity to threaten its neighbors and to prevent significant deployments constituting such a threat is an alibi for abdication. Such tentativeness makes Washing-ton lose on all fronts. Radical adversaries do not fear its posturing, or believe that they can manipulate it to their own ends. Potential friends lose heart at the decline of American co ibility. Those on the sidelin see no reason for restraint.

Americans should beware of the siren song that a painless (to us) covert operation can enable us to sidestep the complexities of military confrontation.

I favor supporting the Ingi resistance in principle, but, having seen such enterprises from the inside, I would put forward three cautions: Such operations must be run by professionals, not adventurers; they must take into account the interests of neighboring countries, espi-cially Turkey, Saudi Arabia, Jordan and Iran; and they riquire an American willingness to back the resistance movement when it gets into trouble. with American forces if necessary -- or else we will repeat the debacle of the Bay of Pigs and of northern Iraq in 1975 and 1996, when most of those

wiped out or exiled. This is a tougher job than Tehran's leaders see across their Afghanistan. All this suggests • The ultimate issue in the Gulf is not inspections but the

government in Baghdad. Saddam's next provocation must be viewed not from the point of view of the particular offense but of advancing America's broader strategy. The military response should lead to destroying Saddam's command and control sites, suspected locations of weapons of mass destruction and the Republican Guard (the basis of his rule). On the whole, I consider this a better option-than relying largely

on the internal resistance. • If Washington is serious about backing the Iraqi resis-tance, it should set about equipping and training it and organizing its command structure, and be prepared to protect it with American forces.

 As part of a serious effort to bring Saddam down, restraints should be placed on Iraq's capacity to conduct significant military operations, either within the two no-fly zones or against any of its neighbors, by restricting the movement of Iraqi units beyond a certain size.

 The Iraqi people must be given to understand that the principal obstacle to normalization is Saddam and his m-mediate entourage, and that he Iraqi people are America's ally.

not its target.
If Washington is not willing to muster the discipline and determination for such a course. the present policy will collapse, undermining the stability of the Gulf and the entire region. Los Angeles Times Syndicate.

# IN OUR PAGES: 100, 75 AND 50 YEARS AGO

## 1898: German Duty

PARIS - [The Herald says in an Editorial:] The "ern von der Recke" in Prussia seems destined to cause difficulties. The expulsion of Austrian subjects from Silesia raises issues of a very different character. Austria is not only a Great Power but is also a member of the Triple Alliance. Protests from Francis-Joseph's Government must be addressed to the German Empire. It will be necessary for the imperial German Government to assume responsibility for the acts of the King of Prussia, a fact that may cause fresh trouble with the Federal Princes, whose

#### interests are thus injured 1923: Teapot Deal

WASHINGTON — Sensational evidence was offered before the Senate committee investigating the lease of the Teapot Dome

to the Sinclair oil interests by former neighbors of ex-Senator Albert B. Fall, who was Secretary of the Interior in President Harding's Cabinet when he ne-gotiated with the private interests the lease which all the Navy leaders strongly opposed. Mr. Fall's ranch looked rundown before prosperity came to him coincident with the signing of the Teapot Dome lease, witnesses testified.

# 1948: Berlin Split

BERLIN - Soviet-sector Communists, meeting as an extraordinary city assembly. formalized the split of Berlin by dismissing the legally elected mayor and city council and filling their places with Communists. Western Allied reaction was quick and clear. In a letter to Marshal Vassily Sokolovsky, Soviet Military Governor, General Lucius D. Clay Naval Oil reserve in Wyoming called the action "illegal."

# Support for Palestinian Progress

Unwillingness to face head-

OSLO — The Middle East peace process is passing another milestone. To demonstrate the high priority that the international community gives to advancing the peace process, more than 40 countries met in Washington this Monday to pledge billions of

dollars for Palestinian socioeconomic development. The international donor community thereby demonstrates its support for the parties as they implement the Wye memorandum and move forward to the last stage envisaged during secret negotiations in Norway more than

six years ago: the permanent status negotiations. As chairman of the principal donor policy committee for coordinating use of the development aid. Norway will make available about \$40 million annually. This makes it the largest donor on a per capita basis as weil as one of the largest donors in absolute terms.

External support for the peace process has been an essential ingredient since the United States took the initiative that led to the opening of Middle East peace talks in Madrid in October 1991, Norwegian mediation led to mutual recognition between lsrael and the PLO as well as the Oslo accords in August 1993. The deft mediation role played by President Bill Clinton only By Knut Volleback

The writer is Norway's foreign minister.

a few weeks ago was essential to the breakthrough achieved at the Wve River talks. At each step in the implementation of the Oslo accords, vigorous international engagement helped keep the process going despite coun-

tervailing pressures that have

been much greater than an-

ticipated in 1993. Since October of that year. the international donor community has pledged some \$4 billion to support implemen-tation of the Oslo accords. On average, these funds are being disbursed at a rate of \$500 million a year to support Palestinian socioeconomic and institutional development. With the help of donors, the IMF, the World Bank and the United Nations, the socioeconomic underpinnings of prosperity

architecture of peace. Donor assistance has been vital in targeting the economic and financial requirements stemming from the political negotiations, such as supporting the establishment of the Palestinian Authority and funding initiatives to create jobs for the West Bank and the Gaza Strip. Donors also are helping the Palestinians lay

are being built to support the

the foundation for sustainable economic growth by financing some \$3 billion in development projects.

These projects include improving education and health care, building roads and sewer and water networks, and giving technical assistance and support for nongovernmental

organizations. Structures developed for policy and technical coordination among donors, the parties and the international multilateral organizations also have provided useful arenas in which the Israeli government and the Palestinian Authority can address differences on issues related to the economy. At times when there has been stalemate on the larger political issues, the donor effort has kept a degree of momentum in the peace process.

Peace in the Middle East cannot be purchased, of course. It will come about only through the determined efforts of Palestinian and Israeli political leaders and their peoples. But it is also true that peace cannot take root unassisted.

The donor community is committed to standing by the parties as they struggle with the difficult challenges they face today and the even tougher ones they will address soon in the permanent status negotiations.

The Washington Post.

By Joseph L Lieberman

The writer, a Democrat, is a U.S. senator from Connecticut.

WASHINGTON — In the weeks any way. So, contrary to the arguments some have made against censure, a cenof President Bill Clinton's harshest critics and staunchest defenders have found . something they agree on: impeachment or nothing. There is no third option, they say. Either Congress must vote on whether to remove Mr. Clinton from office or we must move on as if he had

done nothing wrong.

This line of argument misreads the constitution and misconstrues the meaning of censure. If it prevails and the

t would be strange for the Congress to move on as if the president had done nothing wrong.

House of Representatives does not vote for articles of impeachment, the nation would be left with an unclear and unacceptable conclusion to this crisis, It is important first to clarify what a congressional resolution of censure would not do. It would not send Mr. Clinton to jail, require him to pay a fine, remove him from office or restrict or alter

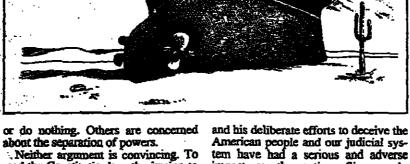
the powers or duties of the presidency in

some have made against consure, a cen-sure resolution would not qualify as a bill of attainder - a law that legislatively determines guilt and imposes punish-ment—because it would neither be a law nor impose any specific punishment.
Instead, censure would be a collective

statement by Congress that while Mr. Clinton's conduct may not be reason enough to remove him, it calls for a rebuke. In this way, censure would be similar to the "sense of Congress" resolutions we commonly use to express our views on matters as diverse as an in-ternational child custody dispute and the need for free elections in Gabon — both

subjects of such resolutions this year. It would be strange if the Senate passed resolutions on those issues but not on behavior that has threatened the Clinton presidency and stirred broad and deep emotions among the American

Some opponents of censure contend that a congressional resolution reprim-anding the president would differ significantly from other legislative reso-lutions because in the case of presidential misconduct the constitution's impeachment clauses imply that Congress's only options are to impeach



about the separation of powers.

Neither argument is convincing. To read the Constitution's authorization to impeach the president for misconduct as ruling out all other actions makes no more sense than saying that Congress's power to declare war rules out taking any other action relating to national security -for instance, a resolution supporting a peacemaking force in Bosnia or calling for stronger action against Iraq.

As for the separation of powers, it is true that each branch of government must not intrude on duties and powers constitutionally reserved for the other branches. But a censure resolution would not intrude because it would have no binding legal effect.

It is for this reason, I suspect, that no one has suggested that the numerous sense-of-Congress resolutions that addressed issues within the province of the other branches were unconstitutional.

During the recently adjourned session of Congress, for example, both houses unanimously condemned the racially motivated slaying of James Byrd, an African-American in Texas, and urged that the case be investigated. The House also adopted at least three separate resolutions expressing views on the president's activities, including one that urged Mr. Clinton not to participate in a formal reception in Tiananmen Square when he visited China. These were expressions of legislative

opinion rather than exertions of authority over the other branches. They did not appropriate congressional power to de-termine the guilt or innocence of those accused of killing James Byrd or seek to regulate how Mr. Clinton conducted diplomacy. The same would be true of a resolution condemning the president's misconduct in the Monica Lewinsky scandal. Still, a censure resolution could have the powerful effect of reaffirming the fundamental values that Americans hold in common and of restating the importance of those values to our nation's highest office.

The president's sexual misconduct

American people and our judicial system have had a serious and adverse impact on the nation. Since early September, he has repeatedly apologized for his misconduct and accepted responsibility for its consequences. He has also sought atonement and religious counseling. Since no one can take back behavior that has already occurred, there is little more we can ask him to do.

Whether Mr. Clinton's misconduct reached the level of an impeachable offense and warrants removing him from office is something on which senators must reserve judgment until the House has finished its inquiry. The Judiciary Committee must review the answers Mr. Clinton has provided to the 81 questions it put to him in writing.

Then, the House must vote on the articles of impeachment being drawn up by the committee. If the House chooses not to impeach, as seems likely, then we must censure. Congress must provide a decisive ending and a strong statement that makes clear to ourselves and posterity that we are a nation that understands the difference between right and wrong, truth and falsehood.

We must clearly explain the expec-tations we have of our leaders, present and future, and serve notice that if the president is guilty of wrongdoing he must suffer, at the least, public embarrassment and reproach.

Those who say that a censure res-olution is only a slap on the wrist should bear in mind that in the history of the United States only two presidents have been consured. In this instance, consure would serve to record the nation's opinion of Mr. Clinton's behavior.

Those who call a censure resolution mere words should remember Clement Attlee's tribute to the wartime statements of Winston Churchill: "Words at great moments of history are deeds." We are at a moment of great challenge in our history. We should find words strong enough to meet that challenge and act as deeds.

The New York Times.

# If You're Sure of Expectations, You're Likely to Be Surprised

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realize they are on a collision course. The first man, reading the body language of the second, steps to the right. then sees that the second man, attempting the same maneuver but responding a split second too late, has made the same move. The first man tacks the other way, but the second man has beat him to it. In an exquisite choreography of misinterpretation, the two men run right into each other on an empty sidewalk.

A Frendian would have no trouble interpreting the event. The two men, although they thought they were trying to avoid each other, were driven into

MEANWHILE

each other's arms by a subconscious sexual attraction. Non-Freudians, however, would recognize the workings of an iron law governing human affairs. The law has no name. It could be called the Uncertainty Principle, if Heisenberg did not own the trademark. But it needs no name to hold sway. Wherever a plan is hatched based on rational expectations of other people's expectations. it rears its head, decreeing that the very result that the plan is designed to prevent will come to pass, quickly and inevitably. Put more scientifically, expectation of an expectation alters the expected expec-

tation. Call it the Petard Principle. The Petard Principle has been in effect lately. Most recently, it put the whammy on the Federal Reserve Board. The Fed judged that a slowdown in the economy could be averted with a half-point cut in interest rates. Shrewder voices at the Fed then attempted to ward off the evil work of the Petard Principle. A half-point cut, they argued, would send the message that the Fed was deeply concerned about a slowdown, causing conditions in the financial markets to deteriorate. The Fed settled on a quarter-point cut. Markets deteriorated, forcing the Fed to announce a second quarter-point cut Oct. 15, and a third cut Nov. 17. Trying to anticipate the Petard effect, the Fed faked itself out.

The Petard Principle is not an economic law. Its ambitions go far beyond that. Consider the release of Bill Clinton's videotaped testimony before the grand jury looking into the Monica Lewinsky matter. It was generally considered to be a dead certainty that once the American people got a look at him testifying, he would be finished. His behavior was advertised by unnamed insiders as unpresidential, or worse. Television viewers expected to see a performance comparable to one of Charles Manson's appearances before

NEW YORK — Two men approach the California parole board. They did not. Skewed expectations produced a skewed result.

Who skewed the expectations? Credulous observers might assume that it was the president's enemies who spread the word that a career-ending performance was in store. Students of the Petard Principle know that savvy presidential advisers would have been working double overtime to broadcast the message that Mr. Clinton's most shameful hour was at hand, thereby leveraging

defeat into low-grade embarrassment. Political analysts have sliced, diced and minced the results of the Minnesota gubernatorial campaign desperately trying to explain how it is that one of the most enlightened and well-educated bodies of citizens in the United States decided that a professional wrestler with a shaved head should manage their affairs. It was the Petard Principle.

Every voting Minnesotan entered the booth convinced that Jesse Ventura was a fringe candidate, and every vote cast for him was done in that what-the-heck spirit that keeps so many Las Vegas wedding chapels busy. Every Ventura voter pulled the lever fully confident that no more than a handful of his or her fellow Min-

nesotans were doing the same. Surprise! Hollywood, too, wrestles constantly with the powerful but sneaky influence of the Petard Principle. Until this summer, the wise guys thought they had it beat. Studying audience behavior, the studio marketers saw that the mere expectation of a film's success could help ensure success. By marketing a film as though it were destined to gross \$80 million on its first weekend, they could make audiences believe that a film was already a hit, and that they had better

move fast and get it while it was hot. Like a smart virus, the Petard Principle adjusted. The summer of 1998 will be remembered as the season when the blockbusters flopped. Nothing could have been bigger than "Godzilla," either the film itself, about a beast with a foot bigger than Donald Trump's hat size, or its advertising campaign.

Even so, audiences ran to "Something About Mary," a film that canny studio marketers recognized as having mega-hit potential — it has taken in more than \$170 million at the box office so far but chose to advertise almost as though it were a quirky independent film. Faked out by an underplayed ad campaign, filmgoers nourished the illusion that buying a ticket to the film made them part of a small, independent-minded community making a creative choice.

Sort of like those Minnesota voters.

The New York Times.

# LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

#### **S**harity in France

In response to the report "French Charity: A Weak Culture of Giving in the French people.

Land of Fraternity" (Nov. 27):

It would be unfair to paint the French

as a stingy nation because they donate less of their income to private charity than do Americans. French generosity, as the article points out, is expressed through the state's extensive and popular system of social protections.

"The French would rather pay higher taxes and trust the government to distribute the money where needed than put their faith in privately run charitable organizations, many of which have proved to be extremely inefficient when not scandalously corrupt. Americans are no more altruistic than the French, since Americans' private donations are largely subsidized by tax deductions. TOM STORER. Paris.

A visit during the recent cold spell here to any of the several offices of secours Catholique or the St. Vincent de

Paul Society would have revealed a different, more vibrant level of gencrous help and caring among ordinary JAMES J. HOGAN.

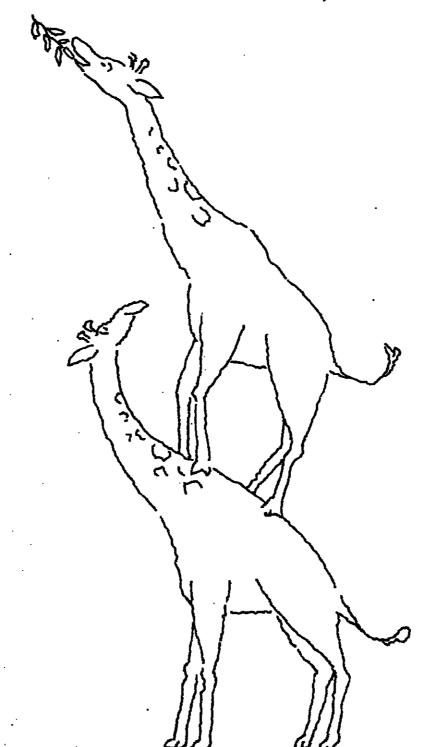
Impeachment Politics Regarding "From Asset to Albatross: Republicans 'Out of Gas' on Impeach-

ment" (Nov. 19): Representative Jack Quinn, Republican of New York, is quoted as saying: Henry Hyde is in a bit of a bind there [with regard to congressional impeachment hearings]. He's started down this track. Now the question becomes, how do we stop it?" That comment on the predicament of Mr. Hyde, the chairman of the House Indiciary Committee, is reminiscent of another quagmire driven by now-that-we're-here-we've-got-tofinish-the-job-logic-be-damned poli-tics. Mr. Hyde might want to think about the fate of President Lyndon Johnson.

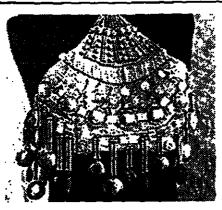
DAVID L. WAGNER. Ho Chi Minh City.

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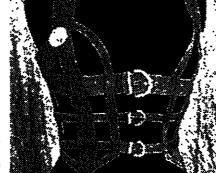
Gianni Versace's halter-breastplate with dangling metal went for £690.



Tiger bead-embroidered bodice on a black dress, which sold for £2,300.



A flower-appliquéed cocktail bustier



The scarlet satin "bondage bodice," went for £345 at Sotheby's.

# Selling Vintage Versace

# Investing in the 'Passion for Fashion'

By Suzy Menkes

most flamboyant dresses have become collectors' items -- less than 18 months after the Italian designer's death. More than £70,000 (\$115,000) was bid at Sotheby's last week,

The top price was £9,775 for a 1777 cocktail dress in Versace's signature metal mesh, softened with chiffon; while a rockand-baroque gold bustier and checkerboard Mark Steinberg, whose London store, Steinberg and Tolkien, specializes in wear-store clothes, pronounced himself

Donatella Versace, speaking from Milan on confused.

Monday. She said the house had bought to "I can" complete its archives two outfits (a fringed with Medusa-head buttons), but was outbid dealing with the 1990s. I don't know whether

Last year's designer clothes selling for three times their original price? This must then be the moment to turn out your closets, the auction houses, where glamorous young shop-aholics are mad for vintage clothes.

In fact, "Passion for Fashion," as the vintage, especially when museums are after them. More than 50 percent of the 473 lots man museums and Francesco Capello, who is setting up a private fashion museum in Lisbon, the sale could have been a flop.

ed six months on the sale. "I wish we'd had

more activity on the lower-value things."

mint condition made only £380 (estimate £450 to £650). And whereas an audience of ONDON — Gianni Versace's star Brian Ferry's wife, Lucy (a discerning wearer of antique clothes), showed up. So what is a high-fashion collectible?

Celebrity is the key. The wardrobe of Olivia de Havilland sold briskly and her black cocktail dress from Yves Saint mostly on a handful of key items among the 72 lots consigned for sale by a Greek woman who had worn the bondage-strap, safety-pin and tasseled-bodice outfits through the 1990s.

Diack cocktail dress from Yves Saint Laurent's first Dior collection in 1958 (with a photograph of the actress wearing it) was bid up to £9,775. But a Saint Laurent dress from 1979 was unsold at £220 and a Chanel suit from the late Coco period made only

"I am very proud of my brother," said able vintage clothes, pronounced himself

"I can't understand it — it was totally beyond me," he said. "The Versace jacket and polka-dot pants and a black dress couldn't be considered vintage - we are on a metal-mesh cocktail suit that went for people were collecting for the future or if it was museums potting it in their archives."

Taylor is convinced that collecting is a growth market. She cites the "fabulous, whimsical" decorative Versace bustiers as pass up the dress agency and go straight to likely to be framed and mounted rather than worn. And she says that the collector who bought the YSL/Dior outfit at another anction two years ago, has seen his investment sale was named, suggested that there is a multiply by eight. Across the pond at Sothemarket only for clothes of an exceptional by's in New York, curator Tiffany Dubin has whipped up enthusiasm among the Madison Avenue crowd for vintage purwere unsold, and if Sotheby's had not witnessed battles between Australian and Gerand to Hold"—a sale of handbags that will open with current designer purses to be

anctioned for charity.

Vintage pieces include classics from Hermes and Louis Vuitton, and also funky bags: "It was quite fascinating—things of very good quality, and wearable, were making huge prices, but there were little suits that I couldn't give away," said Kerry Taylor, Sotheby's fashion specialist who had workdith Lieber, suggesting that there may be treasures lurking in the back of your closer.

Many of the lots, from fashion jewelry by Kenneth 1. Lane through hats, bags and on rather than for using, still looks like a shoes, failed to reach their estimates. Even a risky trade that might create a new breed of pair of original 1960s Courreges boots in fashion victim.

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# It's a Wrap: The Image of an Era

The Charmed Lives and Free Spirit of Diane Von Furstenberg

By Suzy Menkes

ONDON - Like the pussycat she resembles, with her feline face, purring voice and glossy hair, Diane Von Furstenberg seems already to have lived at least nine lives.

There was, famously, the glamorous wife, who married Egon von Furstenberg, a scion of the Agnelli family, in 1969, turning the golden couple into dedicated members of European jet-set society. That was followed by the 24-year-old New York fashion tycoon, whose sinuous dresses, wrapping the body, ex-pressed a new era of sexual and social freedom. Their creator won out over President Gerald Ford for a cover of Newsweek in 1976, as "the most marketable female in fashion since Coco Chanel."

Then there was the cosmetics queen in her purple showroom, business woman by day, wild young divorcee at night, arriving at Studio 54 in cowboy boots to pick out likely studs, while on weekends, she was a single mom mopping up Rice Krispies at Cloudwalk, her 150-year-old Connecticut farm.

In 1983, Von Furstenberg sold for \$22 million the beauty business that had been founded on 12 cotton knit dresses and \$1,000 13 years before, and reinvented herself: first as a sarong-wearing hippie in Bali (with handsome Brazilian, Paulo), then as an intellectual among the Paris literati

channel owned by Barry Diller, her former lover, best friend, the man who gave her "29 loose diamonds in a Band-Aid box" for her 29th birthday and whom she calls "the pillar of my

After her landmark 50th birthday in 1996, she was back to selling the revived wrap dresses to the daughters and granddaughters of her first customers, helped by her daughter-inlaw Alexandra, who was one of the fabulously wealthy Miller sisters. of me that has to have a window to Now Von Furstenberg is about to become a grandmother. And she is

scription) Belgian girl of a Russian and go. father and a mother who survived the



Diane Von Furstenberg: "There is a side of me that has to have a window to escape."

is easy to read "Diane, a Signature Life" (Simon and Schuster) as the story of a woman defined by her cur
both men and women recall events Pudeur, she says, using a French word associated with the clothes.

"Looking back I am amazed at she has held back on her personal" In the 1990s (are you still following?), she was back in fashion, selling
\$750,000 worth of silken separates in
15 minutes on a television showning. according to her partners. Part of her yearns to be carried away on a tide of passion like Anna Karenina or Emma Bovary, she says. But that doesn't quite fit with the dynamic dress tycoon, nor as a description of her free-

wheeling independent spirit. "So much of me is a contradiction," says Von Furstenberg. "But after having done this book I realize that I commit myself to work or relationships, but I like to have the illusion that I am free. There is a side

That is expressed by a haute-Bothinking about selling her business hemian style ("Bohemia Luxuria," again. Phew! And all that followed the road, whether the current book-profirst stage of her life, when for 14 motion tour, a recent trip to Uzbek- seem bathetic, like the "terminal lends his private plane to take the pain years she was a "plain" (her de- istan or an affair that ends with "pack damage" done to her new shoes on a out of promotional tours and once met

berg calls it a "business memoir") is pected. light on descriptive images, there are vignettes of Talitha Getty dancing under the stars, of Henry Ford 2d trying on one of her orange caftans and of the author stepping out in the 1970s on platform shoes with tiny hot pants under an Yves Saint Laurent blazer. That was after she and her friend Marisa Berenson had ironed their frizzy hair flat.

social events are frustrat- one. social events are mistratingly feeble: At the Proust ball held by Marie-Helene de Rothschild, "people had made a big effort to dress up." Other remarks help from friends like Diller, who help from friends like Diller, who vet White House lawn while attend-There is no doubt that her dresses ing the signing of the Camp David Jewish death camps, but only re-caught a fashion moment, as the an-peace accord, or recording that she for her luggage, vealed the horrors she had suffered 35 gular, geometric miniskirts of the shared with Jacqueline Kennedy. Yet you believe the author when she years later, awakening in her daughter 1960s melted into the softer, wispier Onassis not only a recent battle says that her Connecticut home is "the a mission to support a National Holo-1970s. Von Furstenberg now realizes against cancer, but also "the same basis of my samity and the core of my

story, although it is often moving. Anxious not to hurt anyone, there is barely a breath of criticism of friends and colleagues, although Fidel Castro is "not quite as macho as I had ex-

What about Von Furstenberg's open-hearted generosity to the men (plenty of them, from Richard Gere through Ryan O'Neal) in her life? The book opens with a dedication: "To Egon, who gave me the children and

the name. My girlfriends always criticize me and say that I am very indulgent with men," she says. "But once I have loved them, I always love them. ER descriptions of famous I don't like to close the door on any-

> her at the amount in his vellow E jaguar, thoughtfully providing a limo

caust Museum.

Since each aspect of her life — dresses resonate with personal social/business/fashion/family — memories and the image of an era. At nice (at least in print) to be a pertinent power, there is more to Von Furstenseems a contradiction of the others, it her current personal appearances, diarist or even a colorful gossip. berg than meets the appreciative eye.

## **BOOKS**

#### WRONG INFORMATION IS BEING GIVEN OUT AT PRINCETON

By J.P. Donleavy. 323 pages. \$24.95. St. Martin's.

Reviewed by Carolyn See THE year is 1950 or 1951.

Ex-navy man Stephen
O'Kelly'O is gradgingly coming to terms with the fact that the world might not owe him a living. It's a depressing conclusion because he's a serious composer (or yearns to be), and the last thing on earth he ever wants to do is get a job.

This leaves him with only one course of action: He needs to

find a rich woman, and quick. She turns up in the form of Sylvia, adopted daughter of Jonathan Witherspoon Triumphington III and his wife, Drusilla. Jonathan W.T. III is very rich, but Drusilla is perhaps the richest woman in the world. Things look promising! Stephen quickly marries Sylvia but is unfaithful to her with a woman he meets in passing on the streets of New York. Sylvia is a bad sport about this, and leaves him, but it doesn't matter much to Stephen because Mr. Triumphington has already cut off Sylvia's allowance.

Stephen finds himself in a scuzzy apartment on Pell Street, living on sweet rolls, beers on the house from a local Bowery bar and the lavish generosity of his fortunehunting friend Maximilian. who has dumped one wife, is living off another and is about to be arrested for embezzlement. Stephen is also helped out (can this be the right phrase?) by Drusilla, who treats him to a couple of splendid restaurant dinners and all the various pleasures that her body can provide.

One might suggest that this is a strange plot, but J.P. Donleavy would probably answer any such objection with an expressive shrug. Why should he care about mundane matters such as plot? Or tone or character or whatever? He's in this for the lenguage, as always. He endows

Stephen with something that light Banfield, where the pure-hearted Stephen's pov- work? And to listen seriously Drusilla calls "pedantic lanky characters from this erty is tempered by both a to his poorhouse gramblings speak," so that our hero is narrative all swarm about venal love of luxury and as he tumbles into bed with the always saying things like: "I with very small heads, posing strong bouts of misogyny. The richest woman in the world." eschew the barren and trite minds consumed with their pose of cultural omnipotence and pretense at original creativity, who by their very existence make the dedicated something a little bit creepy composers' life such a

This fripped-up language doesn't always come from ditional. Stephen is quite the since the story is issuing, first-person, from the wouldbe composer himself, I supguess the effect is supposed to

languidly in front of lovingly novel's 50-page set-piece of when he has only 25 cents in rendered scenes of glowing Manhattan in its heyday. So it's all very sophisticat-

ed and urbane. But there's and cranky here. And something derivative, although I pagne in a men-only bar.
guess you could call it trabackward, falling in the

"Heaven" is Stephen's stolen his pocket? Are we supposed date with his friend Max, to feel aggrieved as he does, which turns out to be sort of a about the injustice of it all? spa day - getting massages at a succession of snooty New deal of grousing about the York clubs, drinking cham-vagaries of class. He repre-

is by definition to be square, underneath the contorted sen-Stephen's mouth (although, comic buffoon, peeing all uncool and perhaps even a hu-tences and "comic" situations over Drusilla's powder room moriess feminist who just here, there's a lot of good old-because he's put his shorts on doesn't get it. Still, still! fashioned hatred of the rich What's going on in this story, pose it makes sense that bathtub because of paroxysms which seems to start off as a Drusilla might remark to him: of hust and so on. He's very screwball comedy and ends than a little mean-spirited and "Oh, you poor you, you"). I much out of Dylan Thomas's up with three of its main charstrange. If you're a Donleavy "Portrait of the Artist as a acters killed off in a grisly fan you'll like this, of course Young Dog" or Kingsley fashion? And are we supposed If you aren't, you won't be suave sophistication of the Young Dog' or Kingsley fashion? And are we supposed New York kind, and the effect Amis's "Lucky Jim." to be indignant at Drusilla is definitely added to by a set But the young heroes of when she offers to support Carolyn See reviews books of illustrative drawings by Elthose novels were poor and Stephen so he can do his for The Washington Post.

Stephen indulges in a great

sents himself as coming from a To criticize I.P. Donleavy hard-working Irish family, and All in all, then, this antic "romp" comes off as more

# **CHESS**

By Robert Byrne

WHEN the pawn cover has been shot away and the two kings are exposed on an open board, the action is bound to be explosive. What counts is who will land the heaviest stroke soonest. This tense situation came about in the

11th round of the World Chess Olympiad in Elista, Kalmykia, in the game between the grandmasters Yasser Sen-awan of the United States and Jonathan Speelman of England. A virtuoso rain of

Position after 18 . . . Qe4

On 6 d5, Black can play 6...Nd4, but after 7 Nge2 (7 Bd4?! ed 8 Nb5 c5 9 dc bc 10 Nd4 Qb6 is very strong for Black) Ne2 8 Be2, White has the advantage.

After 7 g4, Black was not deterred from 7...55 because 8 gf gf 9 Qh5 Ng6 10 ef Qh4 11 Qf3 N6e7 12 Nb5 Kd8 yields him lively counterchances. After 10 h4, an important distinction between this branch of the Robatsch and

a King's Indian Defense shows itself: the white king has no need to castle early and so White can throw the kingside pawns forward to attack; if they meet with resistance, the residual attacking possibilities on the other wing can be

After 14 Nh3, Seirawan readied pres-sure with 15 Ng5 and 16 Rg1. Speelman countered with an attempt to open lines for his pieces with 14...e4.

But after 16 Nf7, it was becoming evident that he was also opening lines for Seirawan's pieces. If 16...Qf7, there could have followed 17 fe Ne4 18 Ne4 Be4 19 Rf1 Qg6 20 Rg1 Qf7 21 Bg4 and the black king could not survive.

Speelman's 18...Qe4 discouraged Seirawan from queenside castling, but it

could not stop the mighty 19 O-O!.

threatening 20 Rf5! It would not have

blows by Seirawan decided the game.

And he went on to achieve the fine score of 7 points out of 10 games.

After 3 c4, the Robatsch Defense approximates a King's Indian, but as will shortly be seen, there is a difference.

On 6 d5, Black can play 6...Nd4, but refer 7 Nga2 (7 Rd42) ed 8 Nh5 c5 9 dc

been any good playing 19...Bf6 because 20 Bh5 Bg6 (or 20...Kg7 21 Bh6 Kg8 22 Qg2 Qg2 23 Kg2 Be4 24 Kh3 Bg7 25 Bf7 Kf8 26 Be6 Ke7 27 Rf7 Ke8 28 Bg7) 21 Rf6! Kf6 22 Bd4 Kf7 23 Qf2 Kg8 24 Qf6 Qd4 25 Qd4 Bh5 26 Kh2 Bg6 27 Mga2 (7 Rd42) ed 8 Nh5 c5 9 dc If 19...Kg8, then 20 Rf4 Qc2 21 Qc2 Bc2 22 Bg4 h5 (22...Bb2 23 Be6 Kg7 24 Rg4 Kf6 25 Rf1 Ke5 26 Rf2 wins a piece) 23 Be6 Kh7 24 Rf7 Rhf8 25 Rc7

wins a decisive pawn.
On 20 Kf8, Seirawan made short work of it with 21 Rf5! Qf5 22 Bg5! I 22_Qe5 23 Rf1 Bf6, then 24 Kh1 Qe4 25 Kh2 Qe5 26 Kh3 wins.

Speciman desperately gave up his queen and played on until 28:-Rg3, when realizing that 29 Bf6 Bf6 30 Qf6 Rg7 31 Bef is quite hopeless, he gave up.

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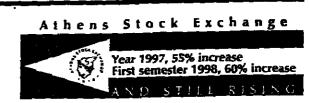
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# The Internet Laissez-Faire Man

Clinton Aide to Be Remembered for Strong Calls for Self-Regulation

By Jeri Clausing New York Times Service

WASHINGTON — To many Americans, the name Ira Magaziner is synonymous with the ill-fated Clinton health care plan. But the presidential adviser's more lasting legacy may prove to be the administration's laissezfaire policy on Internet commerce: no taxes, no government regulations.

As Mr. Magaziner prepares to take leave of the White House, President Bill Clinton and Vice President Al Gore released on Monday a long-awaited report by Mr. Magaziner's interagency working group on electronic commerce.

The report — the foundation of the administration's new Internet commerce policy — argues for stronger consumer protection and privacy rights, but like Mr. Magaziner's 1997 Framework for Elecmagazines 5 197/ it clings to the insist-tronic Commerce," it clings to the insist-ence that these be achieved through selfregulation by industries rather than dictated by the government.

"Self-regulation in the digital age will require the private sector to engage in much greater collective action to set and enforce rules than was characteristic of the Industrial

Age," the report states.

Not everyone agrees with that theme, particularly as it relates to consumers.

One of Mr. Magaziner's most vocal critics, Marc Rotenberg of the Electronic Privacy Information Center, is among those while both sides search for mutually ac-who say that "self-regulation has been a lot ceptable privacy protections is a credit to

of smoke and mirrors."

Mr. Rotenberg insists that laws are needed to protect consumer interests and personal data in the young and often freepersonal tans in the young and them nec-for all atmosphere of cyberspace. Without such laws, he warns, the United States will open itself to a trade war with Europe, where self-regulation has been declared incom-patible with a law guaranteeing strong pri-

vacy protection for consumers. The European law, which took effect in October, prohibits any company that does business in the European Union from transmitting personal data to any nation that does not guarantee comparable privacy protec-

Mr. Magaziner conceded, "If self-reg-ulation is not working at the end of the year, then I would advocate that government do

On the other hand, he added: "I would point out that just passing laws is still not protecting privacy. You still have to put in place an enforcement mechanism and emonstrate that you can enforce the law. So I think it might be fairer for critics to say that no country has found a way to do this

adequately."

Dave Farber, a professor of computer science at the University of Pennsylvania and a board member of the Internet civil liberties group the Electronic Frontier Foundation, says the fact that the United States has won a reprieve from the European Union

Mr. Magaziner.

Calling the differences over ivacy 'a real nightmare," Mr. Farber said: "I think what he has done has kept us from falling off an edge of a cliff. October came and we are still doing business."

Beyond consumer issues, the report tries to head off moves by the Federal Communications Commission to regulate high-speed Internet access in the United States.

There are rumblings about the commission's wanting to regulate advanced Mr. Magaziner said. gulate advanced services.

We want to make it clear that we think this would be a mistake," he said.

The report also calls for programs to spread the Internet to developing countries quickly, using low-orbit satellite links in areas that lack telephone service; to help small businesses use the Internet; and to update the government's statistical and economic models to help better measure the economic impact of information technology

industries.

A final report on progress by the administration — and Mr. Magaziner — on the document details cyberspace issues, the document details treaties signed and laws passed in the last 18 months to keep the Internet tax free and unregulated and to encourage electronic

commerce with new digital copyright and security protections.

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Those successes, said Harris Miller, president of the Information Technology Association of America, a trade organization, show that Mr. Magaziner proved to be "a pivotal leader at a pivotal time.'

His most important contribution, Mr. Miller said, was "the idea that the Internet and electronic commerce are not going to be like traditional industries in the sense that they need to be heavily regulated from

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# South Africa's Black Workers Find New Life in Old Vineyard

By Vera Haller Washington Post Service

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PAARL, South Africa -- White South Africans have been making wine in the lash, rolling hills north. of Cape Town for more than three centuries. For black vintners, however, this is Year One.

Armed with government grants and land donated by their former employer, a group of black vine-Beginnings and began making their self-esteem is great."
own wine. This is the first of several. The transformation began with efforts to help turn employees hand denated by their employer, tem a practice of partially paymany of whose families have work at Alan Melson of the Nelson's freek, ing workers in wine — which was

ed in vineyards for generations —

Victor Tims, a former school principal who is New Beginning's adnistrative officer, recently showed off a newly planted vineyard where the young vines sprouted through tarps placed in near rows. He pointed to new irrigation pipes being laid by the workers and talked about orders

being negotiated in Europe.
"They are no longer just farm laborers," Mr. Tims said. "Their self-esteem is great."

Wine Estate, who got into the winemaking business in 1988 when he bought a randown vineyard, fulfilling a boyhood dream. But he found he was too busy with his law practice to oversee the farm's revitalization, so he called a meeting of the previous owner's field work-

ers, and ultimately be put them in charge. He told them there would be a payoff if the grapes they harvested produced a champion wine.
Anzil Adams, marketing director for Nelson's Creek, said Mr. Nelson meanwhile abolished the "dop sys-

common in the Cape vineyards and led to widespread alcoholism. A number of workers opted to quit rather than give up wine pay-

The vineyard flourished and the chardonnay it produced under the Nelson's Creek label was chosen as South Africa's best dry white wine in 1996. That year Nelson's Creek was named best vineyard in the region. In recognition of their work, Mr.

Nelson gave the workers 25 acres. worth about 2 million rand (\$350,400). On it, they began New

The workers, now numbering 16, ...

negotiated a deal allowing them to use Mr. Nelson's wine-making facilities and farm equipment in exchange for 50 percent of profits. which he agreed to put aside for future salary increase

The workers applied for government grants that are available for new farming enterprises, and these, together with some of the workers' own money, enabled them to replant two-thirds of the land, while harvesting grapes on the remaining third. Their first wine was unveiled

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# Traders See Total In Petrofina Bid

Shell and Texaco Drop Planned Tie

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BRUSSELS — Total SA of France appeared Monday to be headed for a purchase of Petrofina SA, the Belgian petrochemical company, even as another proposed European oil alliance failed to materialize.

Though neither company would confirm that a deal which could be worth as much as \$10 billion - had been reached, Petrofina called a special news conference for Tues-day, and Total said it would hold make an announcement after a meeting of its supervisory board Tuesday.

If the companies were to combine, they would create one of the largest oil companies in Europe. Total is the 10th-largest oil company worldwide. Petrofina, which has a work force of about 15,000 worldwide, is a medium-sized player in the industry.

A combination also would accelerate a consolidation of the oil industry as giant players seek partners, some of them across national borders, to contend with a continuing slump in world

But one such deal that had been in the works fell through Monday when Royal Dutch/Shell Group said it had ended talks with Texaco Inc. on combining their fuel refining and

marketing business in Europe.

Shell, the world's biggest publicly traded oil company, said both companies agreed the venture would not achieve the sort of benefits for shareholders they had hoped. The two had struck a preliminary agreement on the venture, hoping to save \$500 million in costs a year and garner a 12 percent market

The announcement came three days after Exxon Corp. confirmed that it was considering buying Mobil Corp. That proposed deal could result in the firing of 10 percent of the combined work force of 123,000, or about 12,000 people, a person familiar with the talks said. Both boards are expected to vote on the proposed transaction Tuesday, the source said.

Shares of Petrofina were suspended Monday on the Brussels bourse after heavy trading as investors bet that a sale was near. The welter of action followed a report in the Belgian daily La Libre Belgique that Petrofina's largest individual shareholder, the financier Albert Frere, had concluded negotiations on the sale of his 30 percent stake.

The Brussels bourse also suspended shares in seven other Belgian companies — all Petrofina shareholders with a combined ownership of more than 40 percent - signaling that the Belgian industrial group was about to change hands. Several of the shareholders said they were holding board meetings Monday on the Petrofina matter.

La Libre Belgique said that Mr. Frere, who effectively controls Petrofina through various companies, finalized the conditions of the sale of his stake over the weekend.

The paper said there also had been negotiations between Petrofina and Elf Aquitaine, the largest French oil company and the eighth-largest globally. Elf Aquitaine would not comment. The paper said Mr. Frere had negotiated a price that was considerably higher than Friday's close of 14,250 Belgian

francs, which valued Petrofina at about 340 billion francs (\$9.65 billion). If the buyer were to pay a higher price for the Frere stake, under Belgian law he would have to make a public offer for the remainder of the shares.

(Reuters. AFP, Bloomberg)

Thinking Ahead /Commentary

# 'Human Face' for Global Economy?

By Reginald Dale International Herald Tribune

could object to giving the ensure Vice President Al Gore suc-global economy a "hu-man face"? Nobody, if For all that, however, Mr. Clinton's

ington in November.

Specifically, Mr. Clinton called for "civil society," mainly nongovern-future trade agreements to include "important protections" for workers and for the environment and said he would "work for a world trading system that is more open to all elements of society."

If only U.S. business could do some "soul searching" along these lines.

have long plagued American politics could be ended — and Congress could grant Mr. Clinton new "fast track" authority to negotiate trade agree-

If that all sounds too good to be true, It is. And the first thing to note is its

business nor the Republican majority in Congress will accept the kind of labor and environmental provisions his rhetoric implies — and it is far from that he area waste them to

sure that he even wants them to.

ASHINGTON - Who against impeachment and in his bid to nization in Geneva risk being over-

"soul searching" along these lines, have to tackle if the progress to free added William Daley, the commerce markets achieved over the past half secretary, the old trade conflicts that traditional economics suggests that benefits will be greatest if trade is left unshackled by labor and environmental measures, the issues are increasingly dividing trade experts.

At a seminar organized by the American description of the control of the control

ican Enterprise Institute last week, sevhypocrisy.

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business nor the Republican majority in Congress will accept the kind of labor and environmental provisions his labor and envir support for trade liberalization is to be

maintained. Given another opportunity to campaign seriously for "fast track" anotherity in Congress this fall, Mr. Clinero, and the congress the congress this fall, Mr. Clinero, and the congress this fall, Mr. Clinero, and the congress the co ton again declined, not least because he insisted that the "human face" issues

needs the support of its opponents - should ideally still be kept out of trade labor unions, environmentalists and negotiations, in part because the slim liberal Democrats — both in his fight resources of the World Trade Orga-

who made the suggestion in a speech to a trade advisory committee in Washington in November.

Specifically, Mr. Clinton called for the specific spe

It is true that these issues can no longer be kept out of the broader trade dialogue. But environmental questions will probably be easier to resolve than labor problems, provided governments are brave enough to resist extreme de-

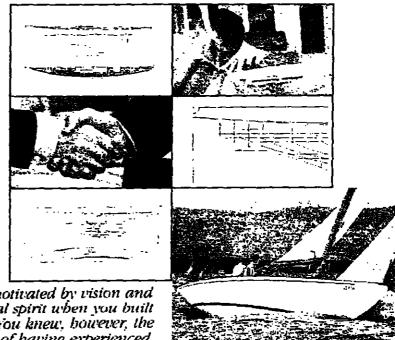
Any attempt to make higher wages and labor standards enforceable through trade sanctions, as favored by some in America and Continental Europe, would open a Pandora's box of protectionism and would quite rightly be rejected by developing countries and by the international business community.

should, he must shape his "human face" to appeal to a broader audience than simply his own supporters.

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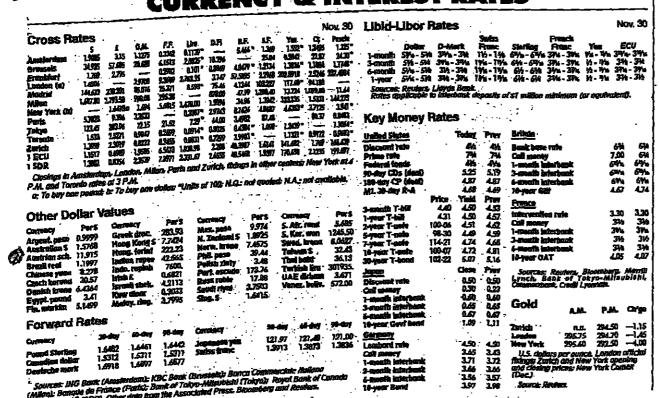


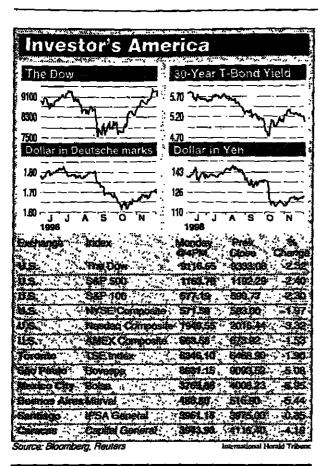
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# **CURRENCY & INTEREST RATES**





#### Very briefly:

 Livent Inc. staved off immediate closure by securing 35.3 million Canadian dollars (\$23 million) in loans from the investment firm Angelo, Gordon & Co. The theater company, which has filed for bankruptcy protection, plans to dismiss 100 employees and close a North American tour of "Show Boat." • NBC is buying a minority stake in the closely held iVillage.com and plans to provide on-air promotion for the women-oriented on-line network.

 Monsanto Co. said it had resolved antitrust concerns over its proposed \$2.3 billion acquisition of DeKalb Genetics Corp. by agreeing to allow buyers of its breeding seed to create hybrids for seven years that use genetic traits developed

• Casey Silver resigned as chairman of Universal Pictures, according to the studio's parent, Seagram Co., following only \$8.5 million in ticket sales for the weekend opening of the movie "Babe: Pig in the City."

• Boston Scientific Corp. is expecting a Securities and Exchange Commission challenge to a planned \$524 million third-quarter write-off related to its purchase of Schneider

#### **Weekend Box Office**

The Associated Press LOS ANGELES - "A Bug's Life" dominated the U.S. box office over the weekend, with a gross of \$46.5 million. Following are the Top 10 moneymakers, based on Saturday's ticket sales and estimated sales for Sunday.

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2. The Rugnats Movie	Paranount	\$27.6 million
3. Enemy of the State	Touchstone Pictures	\$25.7 m#Hor
4. The Waterboy	Touchstone Pictures	\$19.9 mH6on
5. Bobe: Pla in the City	Universal Pictures	SB.5 million
6. Maet Joe Black	Universal Pictures	SS.1 million
7. I Still Know What You Did	Columbia Pictures	\$6.5 million
8. Rénomoster	Artisan Entertainment	\$5.3 m78on
9. Home Fries	Worner Brus.	\$5.2 million
10. Very Bod Things	Polygram	\$4.7 million

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# Computer and Bank Stocks Lead Big Drop

NEW YORK -- U.S. stocks fell sharply Monday from record levels, led by computer companies and expectations for fourth-quarter

Investors "worry that earnings can't keep pace with prices" after benchmark indexes rose more than 20 percent since early October to set records last week, said Scotty George, chief investment strategist at Corinthian Partners Asset Man-

agement. At the close, the Dow Jones in dustrial average was down 216.53 points, or 2.3 percent, at 9,116.55. Bancorp slipped 1 9/16 to 36 9/16 The Standard & Poor's 500 was and Wells Fargo fell 1 7/16 to 35%. down 28.59 points at 1,163.70, and the Nasdag composite index fell 66.89 to 1,949,55. Declining shares outnumbered advancing ones by a

Medtronic Inc.

To Buy Medical

The Associated Press

MINNEAPOLIS - Med-

tronic Inc., one of the world's

largest medical device makers,

said Monday it would buy Ar-terial Vascular Engineering Inc., the leader in making cor-

onary stents, for about \$3.7 bil-

Stents are small mesh

The deal is Medtronic's fifth

devices that are used to prop

open blocked arteries after sur-

purchase agreement since July.

The combined vascular busi-

ness of the two companies is

expected to generate more than

Medtronic, based in Fridley,

Minnesota, develops and makes pacemakers, defibrillat-

ors and other medical devices.

This is the fifth acquisition that

Medtronic has announced since

In addition to stents, Arterial

Under the pact, Medtronic

would exchange \$54 in its stock

The acquisition, subject to

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for each share of Arterial Vas-

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proval, is expected to close next

Vascular designs and makes

balloon catheters, guidewires

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York Stock Exchange.

Analysts expect earnings of "Earnings for banks and brokerages companies in the S&P 500 to increase in 1999 are likely to slow and be banks, as investors scaled back their 5.7 percent in the fourth quarter; as somewhat less than we have been recently as the beginning of October, accustomed to in the last few they expected 9 percent growth, according to First Call Corp.

#### U.S. STOCKS

their toll on bank stocks, which had rebounded sharply in recent weeks from the lows they hit this summer when investors feared a recession. Bank One fell 2 to 51%, U.S.

Citigroup fell 2% to 50%. "Banks ran up a great deal and people are now looking to see the previous three trading sessions. whether prices are justified by earn-

ratio of about 2-to-1 on the New ings," said Richard Caro, a port- of books and music over the Infolio manager at Summit Bank.

Computer stocks were also among The reduced expectations took the market's leaders in the recent rebound, and that pattern held Monday when the market sank. Dell Computer fell 3 to 60 5/16 and Apple Computer slumped 31/2 to 31 15/16.

Internet-related companies. buoyed this autumn by expectations of a burst of holiday shopping over the World Wide Web, fell as investors tempered their enthusiasm. Egghead.com fell 61/2 to 251/2. Egg-

ternet, fell 24% to 192 Books-a-Million, a competitor whose stock soared last week after the company introduced an enhanced Web site. fell 9 7/16 to 291/2.

Treasury prices showed solid gains as investors pulled money out of stocks. The benchmark 30-year bond was up 1 12/32 at 102 23/32. driving down the yield to 5.07 percent from 5.16 percent.

In other markets, oil prices plunged after the Organization of Petroleum Exporting Countries failed at a meeting last week to extend an agreement on supply cuts, raising expectations that more un-needed oil will be produced.

Crude oil for January delivery fell head, which operates three retail

Web sites, had more than doubled in

Crude oil for January delivery fell
77 cents, or 6.5 percent, to \$11.09 a barrel, on the New York Mercantile Amazon.com, the biggest seller Exchange.

# Wary Optimism for Holiday Sales

U.S. Retailers Are Off to a Good Start, but They Stay Cautious

By Sharon R. King wew York Times Service

NEW YORK -- While unexpectedly warm weather brought hordes of shoppers to malls during the Thanksgiving weekend, most American department store executives were expressing just cautious optimism about sales for the holiday

"It was an O.K. two days," said Michael Gould, chairman and chief executive of Bloomingdale's, a unit of Federated Department Stores Inc. Referring to the percentile rise in sales over the comparable period a year ago, Mr. Gould added that Bloomingdale's saw a "solid single-digit improvement" over the weekend, led primarily by sales of armoires and other furniture, food,

and housewares such as crystal.

Burton Tansky, executive vice president of Neiman Marcus Group, expressed similar sentiments.

'We did fine,'' Mr. Tansky said, adding that popular items during the weekend were cashmere sweaters, evening scarves and shawls. "It was a good weekend."

Analysts and most retailers agree that U.S. consumers stepped into more upbeat than they did even a

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recent resurgence of the stock mar- that check use at department stores ket. But whether consumer confi- nationwide increased by 4.4 percent dence will translate into strong sales for the day after Thanksgiving, remains an unanswered question. known as Black Friday because of

remains an unanswered question. Retailers would not even offer its positive impact on retail profits.

Thanksgiving weekend sales numThat gain was stronger than either bers or precise forecasts for the rest 2.2 percent last year increof the holiday season; perhaps they 3.6 percent gain in 1996. have learned a lesson from previous disappointments. After two years of sales that began strong during the Thanksgiving weekend but then fizzled by the end of December, even the brightest Thanksgiving

forecast may not hold up. General forecasts are for about a 6 percent increase in retail sales this

Telecheck Services Inc., which tracks personal check use at more trend, with many reporting strong than 20,000 stores each month, said sales over the weekend.

2.2 percent last year increase or the The company expects a 3 percent

to 5 percent increase in check use in the holiday season, said William Ford, senior economic adviser at Telecheck Services. While checks are not a preferred

method of payment for most shoppers, Telecheck's numbers are often consistent with industry trends.

Toy stores, discounters and online retailers seemed to buck the

# "They're big days," he added, "but they're only two of the top 20 days of the year." MetLife Sets Reorganization

taking the first steps toward reor-ganizing in a way that would turn it end of last year. fine jewelry and accessories like into a stock-based corporation and provide a windfall of as much as \$14 illion for its policyholders.

month ago, aided in part by the 12 million life insurance policy to issue stock for the first time.

holders, who are its formal owners. NEW YORK — Metropolitan

The average payment to each policyholder works out to \$1,166, based try's biggest insurers, has said it was on the company's latest report of its taking the first steps toward reor-

more or less, depending upon such factors as the size of the policy, how The money — profits that have factors as the size of the policy, how far fell to 5.6815 French francs from accumulated for decades — would long it has been in effect and the 5.7445 francs and to 1.3942 Switch this holiday shopping season much be shared, according to a complex amount of the premiums. The re- francs from 1.4135 francs. The formula, by the mutual company's organization will permit the company pound fell to \$1.6478 from \$1.6538.

# Dashed Hope Of Rate Cut Hits Dollar

Compiled by Our Souff From Disposities NEW YORK - The dollar fell sharply against the Deutsche mark Monday as a number of top European and German central bank officials played down the prospects of imminent cuts in European interest

A Bundesbank council member, Hans-Juergen Koebnick, said there

FOREIGN EXCHANGE was no urgency now for a rate cutin Germany or Europe, while another council member, Franz-Christ Zeitler, said a rate cut could dissuade European governments from pursuing structural reforms.

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Meanwhile, a European Central Bank member, Sirkka Hamaisines, further dampened market bopes for a rate cut, noting that core European interest rates are far lower than those in the United States or Britain. "

That suggests that rates will cenverge at the current German and French benchmark rate of 3.30 percent as Europe moves toward adopting a single currency, beginning with the first group of 11 countries

on Jan. L "We're not going to get a rate dat by the European Central Bank" In the first quarter of 1999, said Tim Horan, a bond manager at Lord Asbett & Co.

The dollar had been rising smid-October on talk that the bank which will manage monetary policy for the countries adopting the entity might cut rates quickly in response to slowing economic growth.

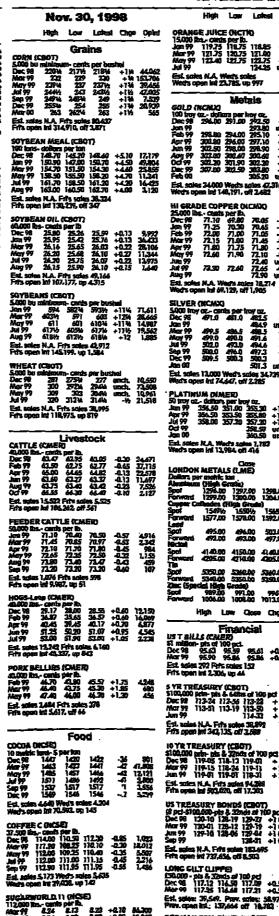
"Every so often there's spediilation the ECB or Bundesbank going to cut rates," said Stephen Gallagher, an economist at Societe Generale. Then a central banker comes out and cuts the legs but from under that speculation."

Mr. Zeitler, in a pre-release of dh interview with the German regional business magazine Oberfraenkische Wirtschaft, said interest rate policy in Europe "isn't restrictive."

In 4 P.M. trading, the dollar fell to 1.6940 Deutsche marks from 1.7129 DM on Friday. The dollar rose to 123.135 yen from 123.040 yen, sud-But most policyholders of Met Japan will not soon emerge from a Life are likely to receive somewhat more or less, depending to the soon emerge from a seven-year economic elements. seven-year economic slump.

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(Bloomberg, Market News)



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ZURICH - Bankers joke that the term "emerging market" is defined a market you cannot emerge men in an emergency." European hanks, stung by surprises in Russia and I atin America, are likely to keep such adages in mind and remain extra tions in months ahead regarding their exposure, analysis say.

The prevailing mood is different from earlier this year, when many banks saw problems in Asia as fairly well contained, as the latest data from the Bank for International Settiements published Monday show. European banks in some cases Eastern Europe and Latin America in the first half.

The situation has changed after profits at most institutions suffered in the third quarter, said Mohammed Brian, European head of emerging markets research at Menrill Lynch. We expect, when you look back on this year," he said, you will see azeduction in net flows to emerging markets, with two components showing the biggest change. One will be bank lending and the other ane will be portfolio flows."

Regarding the situation in emerging markets, he added: "If you look at, the set of indicators we look at, they are not flashing red as they were a few months ago, but they are gertainly not flashing green. At best they are flashing orange." We remain worried about the

vnside risks," he said. Bank for International Settlements data show that as late as July, members and an estimated 100 volatile day on the first day." Russia, riding a wave of confidence after an agreement with the International Monetary Fund, was able to bonds totaling \$6.4 billion.

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But problems just ahead included a historic widening of yield spreads as the value of emerging market destabilized when Russia set a parsial moratorium on some govern-ment debt and opted for a de facto devaluation of its currency.

# Telecom Sectors to Open in Spain and Ireland

day, falling into step with most of pany a license to set up shop. their partners in the European Un-

demand for new services, they competitors gain a footbold in promise further turnoil for both Telefonica's backyard. countries' former monopoly phone companies, which have already been buffeted by the phasing in of tions liberalization that it was granpartial competition over the past few years.

Telefonica SA, Spain's formerly state-controlled telephone company, is suing the government for fonica to cut by as much as 50 percent what it charges competitors to pass calls through its network.

Spain and Ireland will throw ited and limited competition in Italia SpA and Endesa SA, Spain's com Eireann and its largest comopen their telecommunications place, fully opening the market markets to full competition Tues- means giving any interested com-

Analysts hailed the government's proposal to cut intercon-While the moves are aimed at nection fees as a sign Spain was driving down prices and meeting committed to insuring fledgling

Spain was initially deemed to be so far behind in telecommunicathe deadline of last Jan. 1, along with Greece and Ireland. The current conservative government and its Socialist predecessors passed a large multinational computer sec- change." process, allowing Spain to re-nounce much of the extra time.

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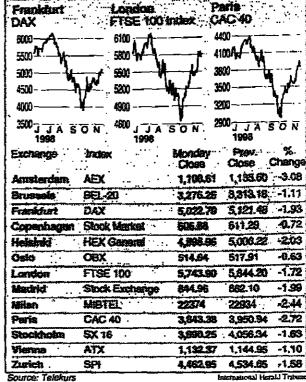
biggest power company, started petitor, Esat Telecom Pic.

"All the big players are there Retevision SA. The second telephone company has captured more. There are no real surprises," said than 8 percent of the long distance Ciaran O'Neili, a telecommunicaand international phone call mar- tions analyst at NCB Stockbrokers. ket. Lince, a company controlled He said most of the companies by France Telecom SA, starts basic granted licenses aimed to specialize in the market, In Ireland, companies once re-

Esat, which has provided busistricted to offering long-distance ness users with telephone services and other telecommunications ser- since 1994, introduced a residenvices to the business community tial service Monday that it said ted a four-year extension beyond will be able to compete with the would be 10 percent to 15 percent dominant player, Telecom Eireann cheaper than Telecom Eireann.

"The granting of telecom liusage. Demands from Ireland's censes marks a tremendous Denis O'Brien, chief exgoing too far. Spain wants Tele- flurry of legislation to speed the tor prompted the government to ecutive of Esat, said. "Telecom Eireann will face real competition competition in basic telephony licensed 29 companies to provide years."

(Bloomberg, Reuters)



# LIFFE Plugs Into Modern-Age Trading

LONDON - London International Financial Futures Exchange traders swapped their multicolored jackets and verbal jousting for silent computer terminals Monday as the top derivatives market in Britain fi-

nally embraced new technology. The exchange, known as LIFFE, switched on its Connect electronic screen trading system to allow trading in options on 75 individual equities. By the close, a total of 11,642 lots had changed hands, and the exchange said it was satisfied with the first day's business. All 47

traders used the new system. LIFFE was forced to bring in the Connect system and move from the traditional open outcry trading after eraderic typical of the noisy and a dramatic loss of business to the German-Swiss electronic exchange Eurex, which this year overtook LIFFE to become the largest European derivatives market.

Volume was light Monday, which helped ensure a smooth tran-Sition

A director at one options firm said the switch had gone well. "Things have been quiet," he said. "I don't think any of us wished to have a very

For traders, the switch to officebased screen trading signals the end of an era and the loss of the camvolatile Cannonbridge trading floor. There, garishly colored blazers denote which firms traders represent.

"They have all got a steep learning curve ahead of them," the options firm's director said. "They will be more active a week from now, and more active in a month than they are this week.

LIFFE hopes that the belated introduction of electronic trading more contracts will be added in 1999 - will rejuvenate the market.

# **Entergy Plans** To Sell London **Utility to EDF**

Bridge News

LONDON - Entergy Corp. said Monday that it would sell London Electricity PLC, a British regional power supplier, to the French national utility Electricite de France for \$3.19 bil-

Entergy, which is based in New Orleans, bought London Electricity in February 1997 for \$2.1 billion and put it back on the market in August as part of a global restructuring. Entergy has two power plants under construction in Britain.

Entergy said it would generate \$860 million in cash from the deal after liquidating the debt it took on to buy the com-

EDF's acquisition of London Electricity would give it footbold in a deregulated market, but that aspect may draw attention from British regulators. Some British companies have complained that they, in turn, are powerless to compete

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• Vickers PLC said it would pay £304 million (\$503 million) for Ulstein Holding ASA of Norway, excluding its ship building division. The price values each share of the marine engineering group at 180.75 Norwegian kroner (\$24.03) and its entire share capital at £314 million.

• Rexam PLC bid 7.77 billion kronor (\$953 million) in cash and assumed debt for PLM AB, Sweden's top consumer packaging company, to cement its position as Britain's No. 2 maker of food containers and beverage cans. Rexam said it had offered 118 kronor in cash for each PLM share, a 38 percent premium to Friday's close.

 News Corp. and MCI Worldcom Inc. said they would sell broadcast licenses and other assets to EchoStar Communications Corp. in exchange for a 37 percent stake in the satellite broadcaster.

 Bulgaria will slash three inflation-imposed zeros from its currency, the lev, to make payments easier under a draft law approved by the government.

 European Union finance ministers remain divided over who should speak for the 11-country single currency at meetings of the Group of Seven and International Monetary Fund, EU officials said. Backed by small states such as Belgium and Portugal, the European Commission stepped up its campaign to be included in a committee that would lobby

 Placer Dome Inc. said it would pay \$235 million for a 50 pe. :ent stake in Western Areas Ltd., a South African gold company that plans to increase its gold resources seven-fold

# exchange domestic Treasury bills for seven- and 20-year eurodollar Dissident Investor Sells Bouygues Stake strategic proposals. Mr. Bollore view the two sides would one day

PARIS - Francois Pinault, the debt plunged. Markets were further. French investor, has bought 12.6. percent of the industrial conglom-erate Bouygues SA from Vincent Bollore, another French businessman, for 3.8 billion francs (\$665.2

wanted Bouygues to divest itself of fight over control of the company. its mobile-phone operations to focus on its other businesses: construction, utilities and television.

Mr. Bollore's unexpected decision marks the end of one year of Pinault's move," said Hubert Challe,

Bouygues stock fell 83 francs to 1,060 as investors concluded that the sale lessened the chance of a battle. "Everyone is quite puzzled by

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# INTERNET: Magaziner's Legacy Is U.S. Laissez-Faire Policy

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birth." While even an outspoken critic like Mr. Rotenberg gives Mr. Magaziner
"a lot of credit for his energy, his smarts, and his ability to create a co-herent vision for the administration," he added. "At the end of the day, it can be fairly asked whether the administra-tion's policy was based on self-regu-lation or on promoting business in-

terests.' The paradox is that such criticism is the antithesis of widespread criticism of the plan for a heavily regulated national health care system that Mr. Magaziner and Hillary Rodham Clinton proposed

during the president's first term.

Where the Internet policy is seen as laissez-faire, the health care plan was criticized as government meddling. And shaping Internet policy has been a comparatively low-key effort, consensus driven and largely devoid of the partisan politics that Mr. Magaziner largely blames for the health care plan's demise. It was also an effort that began

almost accidentally, without preconceived political agendas, he said.

"Initially, when health care failed, I actually offered to resign," Mr. Magaziner said in an interview over the weekend. "The president said no. He suggested that I do something in a different area — not in health care because Hillary and I had both become radio-

Magaziner recalled, he and the late commerce secretary, Ron Brown, and Mickey Kantor, then the U.S. trade representative began holding hearings around the country to develop an eco-

nomic development strategy.

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commerce were going to explode."

He added: "When I presented that, to be honest, I think a number of people didn't understand. But the president Mr. Magaziner then set out to for-

mulate a new policy for the administration and to sell those goals domestically and abroad.

Initially, there was suspicion of the United States and the fact that the In-

active on that subject." So in 1995, Mr. ternet started here and that somehow we were trying to use this whole policy to further the American agenda around the world," he said.

Eventually, he said, the "principles we began espousing spread around the

On an issue even more contentious than electronic commerce, Mr. Magaziner recently wrapped up an agreement for turning over administra-tion of the Internet's addressing system, which has historically been managed by government contractors, to a private, conprofit corporation — a big step in

Internet self-governance.

Now, Mr. Magaziner says he feels his role is played out. "We accomplished more than the goals we set out for," he said. "I think it is a good time to return to private life."

After wrapping up his White House duties in the next few days, he will join his wife and three children in Rhode Island and decide what the future holds

for him professionally. "I think he did a very good job," said Mr. Farber of the Electronic Frontier Foundation. "He was very visible to the

Internet community.

He tried very hard to get into the culture. He got on-line. He traveled. He felt be had to meet these people." In the end, Mr. Farber said: "He probably decided the whole Internet community is wacko. And it probably is."

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Mr. Titus said wine agents from Belgium, the Netherlands and some

Scandinavian countries have approached New Beginnings, partly because of its participation in trade fairs in London and Brussels this year.

He said the European agents wanted to market the wine as a black venture

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SEOUL—Tong Il Group of South Korea, controlled by the Unification Church of Sun Myung Moon, said Monday its four publicly traded units would file for bankruptcy.

A grace period granted by creditors on claims of 981.8 billion won (\$790 million) against Tong Il Heavy Industries Co., Hankook Titanium Co., Il Sung Construction Co. and Il Shin Stone Co. expired Monday, said Seo Pyung Kyoo, head of the group's financial department.

Moon Jin Ho, vice president of Tong Il Heavy Industries, said to the Korea Stock Exchange that the commany was

said to the Korea Stock Exchange that the company was declared insolvent after it failed to settle 234 million won of debts that matured Saturday.

Other units of the group did not have debts maturing immediately and will stay affort for now. Tong Il Group creditor banks had put their claims on hold in

July to allow time for working out rescue plans, including possible injection of funds by the Unification Church, a worldwide movement thought to have considerable wealth.

If the courts grant the companies bankruptcy protection, their liabilities will be frozen while further attempts are made to sort out their problems.

Tong II Group would be the latest industrial group to fa victim to the country's deepest recession in 45 years.

The country's top five conglomerates owed 160 trillion won to financial institutions in the form of corporate debt sales.

and borrowings as of the end of October, up 17 trillion won from December, last year, the Financial Supervisory Com-

# **Malaysian Carrier Posts Loss**

KUALA LUMPUR — Malaysian Airline System Bhd., the country's flagship airline, said Monday it had posted a first; half loss that was more than expected, as overseas costs soare and ticket sales fell.

The company said it had a loss of 441.1 million ringgif (\$116 million) for the six months endedSept. 30.

A year earlier, the airline had a profit of 23.5 million

ringgit.
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The airline also warned that second-nair performance would remain "poor."

Earnings were "adversely affected by the decline in traffic demand," the company said. Also, "the weak ringgit contributed to higher costs and exchange losses."

Patrick Tan, assistant director of ABN-Anno Asia Equity Research in Kuala Lumpur, said the Asian crisis "has taken a severe toll" on the airline's operating margins.

The loss underscores the pain inflicted by the 34 percent slide in the country's currency in the 12 months before it was fixed to the 11 St dollar on Sent ?

fixed to the U.S. dollar on Sept. 2. The airline posted a foreign-exchange loss of 176.5 million

The sirline has total debt of 10 billion ringgit, which is mostly in dollars. This has ballooned as a consequence of the

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# WINE: South Africa's Black Vintners Find New Life at Vineyard

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New Beginnings produced 60,000 bottles of wine this year, Mr. Titus said. Wine from its own grapes were blended with other grapes from Nelson's Creek. The profit from sales was about \$125,000, he said.

Mr. Titus said the workers had taken a "socialist approach," agreeing to put their half of the profits into a second trust fund to go toward medical and peasion plans, education, and a nurs-ery and soccer club for their children.

A flexible work schedule at Nelson's Creek enables the workers to continue their jobs there and also work their own land. Instead of paying for overtime, Mr. Nelson puts that time a "bank" from which workers can draw when

they need to tend their own vineyard. Mr. Adams said that not only has morale improved among the laborers since they started their own business. but productivity on the Nelson wine estate has also improved and equipment is being better maintained be-cause the workers are using it for their

own farming,
"I think it's logical. It makes eco-nomic sense," Mr. Titus said. "There is such a lot of good that can come out of it, whether for a business or farmer.'

The workers, who have seen their salaries increase through Mr. Nelson's trust fund, recently voted to give them-selves their first bonus — \$90 to each of the 16 families.

Mr. Titus said one worker asked him to drive him to town so he could open

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Titus said. "They have to think, maybe there's something to this, if there is so much interest overseas.

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# RHB Chief Swaps Control for Capital Investor's Asia

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The Pahang state agreed to buy 29 percent of the group, Rashid Hussain Bhd. or RHB, by swapping state assets including stakes in a plantation and seni estate company for 530 million inggit (\$139.8 million) of RHB stock.

At the same time, Danamodal Nasional Blid., a government agency that was formed to pump fresh capital into alling banks, will buy a 30 percent stake RHB Bank from RHB Capital, the mancial services unit of the group. RHB and its subsidiaries will receive

capital. But Mr. Rashid's personal stake of 758.4 million ringgit in 1997 in the company, which he founded 15 years ago, will shrink to 17 percent from 29 percent.

"I have mixed feelings," said Mr. Rashid, 53. 'I have to make some sacrifice, but bottom line is I saved the

The financial services empire built by Mr. Rashid, which includes overseas offices and brokerages in New York, London and Singapore, has been hurt by a string of loans to politically wellconnected companies that turned sour.

For the 18 months ended June 30, RHB Capital posted a loss of 651.7 million ringgit as it set aside 1.09 billion ringgit for bad loans. The unit changed its financial year-end to June 30 from Dec. 31. The company recorded a profit

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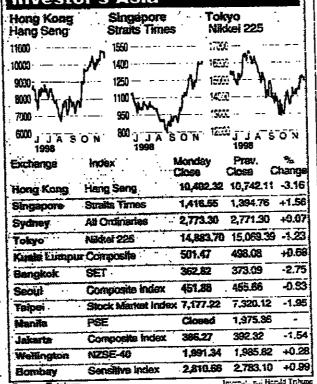
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Under the package announced Monday, the Pahang state will buy 29 percent of Rashid Hussain Bhd. for 530 million ringgit in stock. In return, RHB will get

Pahang state assets, including a plan-tation company, Far East Holdings Bhd., and a property company, Pasdec Holdings Bhd. "Our partnership with RHB will enable us to take a quantum leap at an opportune time to invest," said Pahang's chief minister, Mohamad Khalil Yaacob.

In the other part of the transaction Danamodal will pay RHB Capital 725.4 million ringgit for the stake in RHB Bank. In return, Danamodal will receive preference shares in RHB that it can offer for public trading in five years.
(AFP, Bloomberg)



#### Very briefly:

· China's central bank will adopt an "appropriately tight" monetary policy in the medium to long term, the bank's

governor, Dai Xianglong, said. South Korea will make detailed financial statements of Pohang Iron & Steel Co., Korea Electric Power Corp. and 19 other state-run companies available to the public for the first time as a condition of the \$60 billion rescue package it received from the International Monetary Fund.

• PT Astra International, Indonesia's largest carmaker, posted a loss of 487.2 billion rapiah (\$64.1 million) in the first nine months, compared with a profit of 326 billion rupiah in the similar period last year, on sales that fell 22 percent as the



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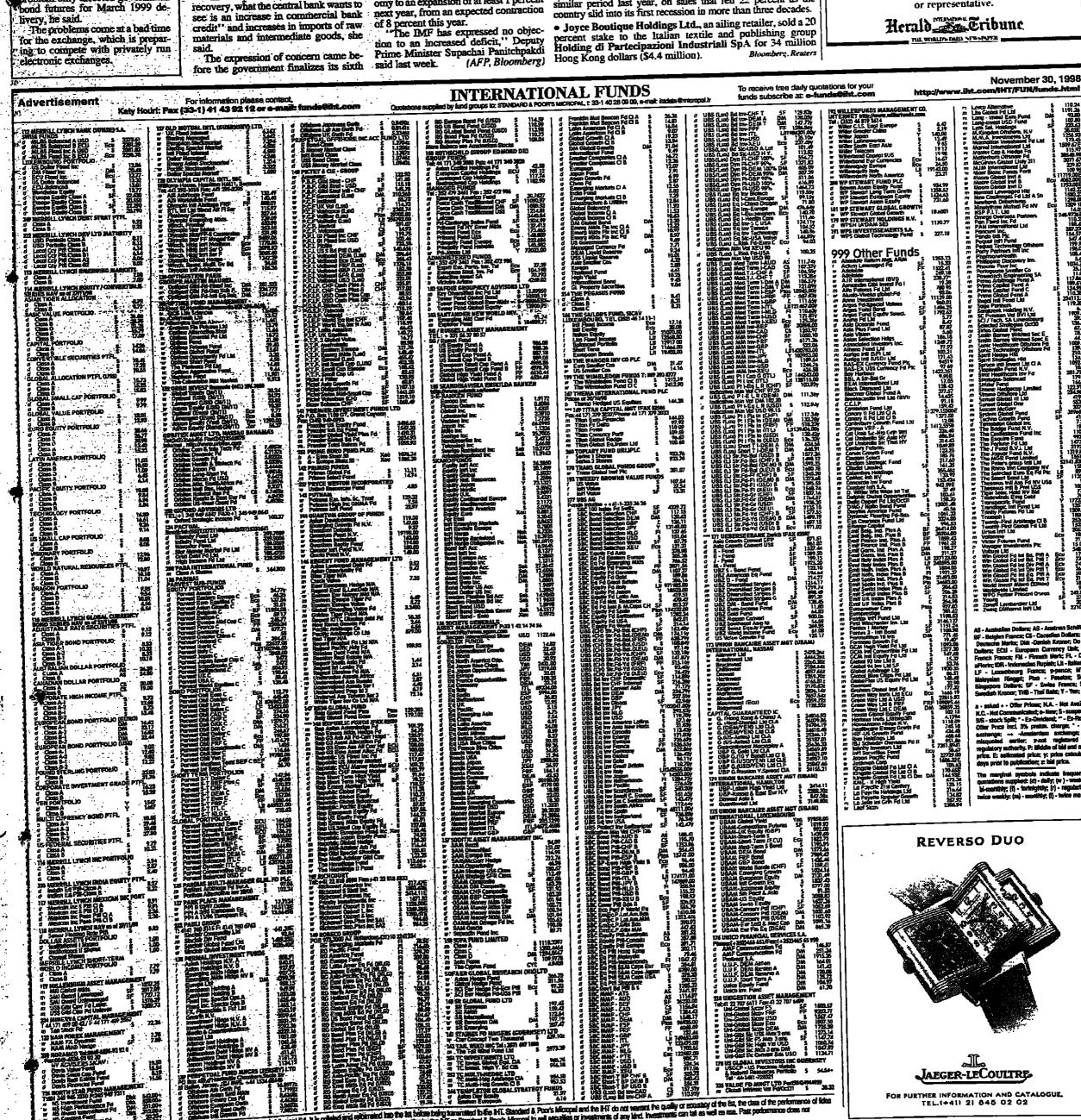
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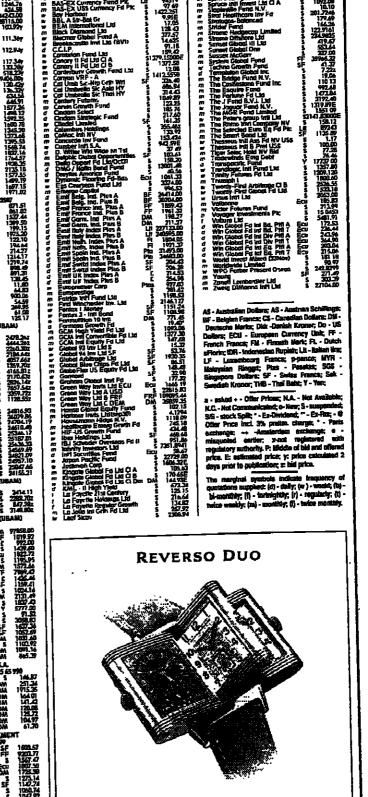
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Exchange halted trading of some Japanese government bond futures Monday, the latest in a series of woes for the exchange's new elecnonic trading system for options

The exchange has yet to pinpoint the bog, said Hitoshi Shimakura, managing director of the ex-

The exchange said it was confident the problem would be fixed by Tuesday, said Mitsuru Suyama director of trading systems. The problem only affected government bond futures for March 1999 de-

for the exchange, which is preparing to compete with privately run Mixed Signs for Thai Recovery

quarterly review of its \$17.2 billion in-ternational Monetary Fund bailout pro-gram, to be presented Tuesday. BANGKOK - The Thai central bank warned Monday that slow pro-The government plans to seek re-visions in the plan that will allow spendgress in restoring the country's financial system was threatening prospects of ing on infrastructure projects —rather than the adoption of austerity measures Despite announcing a trade surplus of \$1.11 billion in October, the Bank of

as a way to climb out of recession. Among the expected changes from Thailand said in its monthly release of three months ago is a near doubling of the 1999 budget deficit, to 5 percent of indicators that signs were mixed that a recovery may be on the way.

A bank spokeswoman, Atchna Waigross domestic product, officials at the Finance Ministry said. quamdee, said commercial bank credit, down 4.3 percent after a rise of 0.4

The government wants to boost spending by about \$2.2 billion — mostly for public works and work programs for the unemployed — to propel the economy to an expansion of at least 1 percent next year, from an expected contraction 0.95 per preferred share will be paid for the current fiscal year. cates, at the offices of the paying agents listed below: in Luxembourg: Banque Internationale à Luxembourg; - in Italy; all the leading banks;

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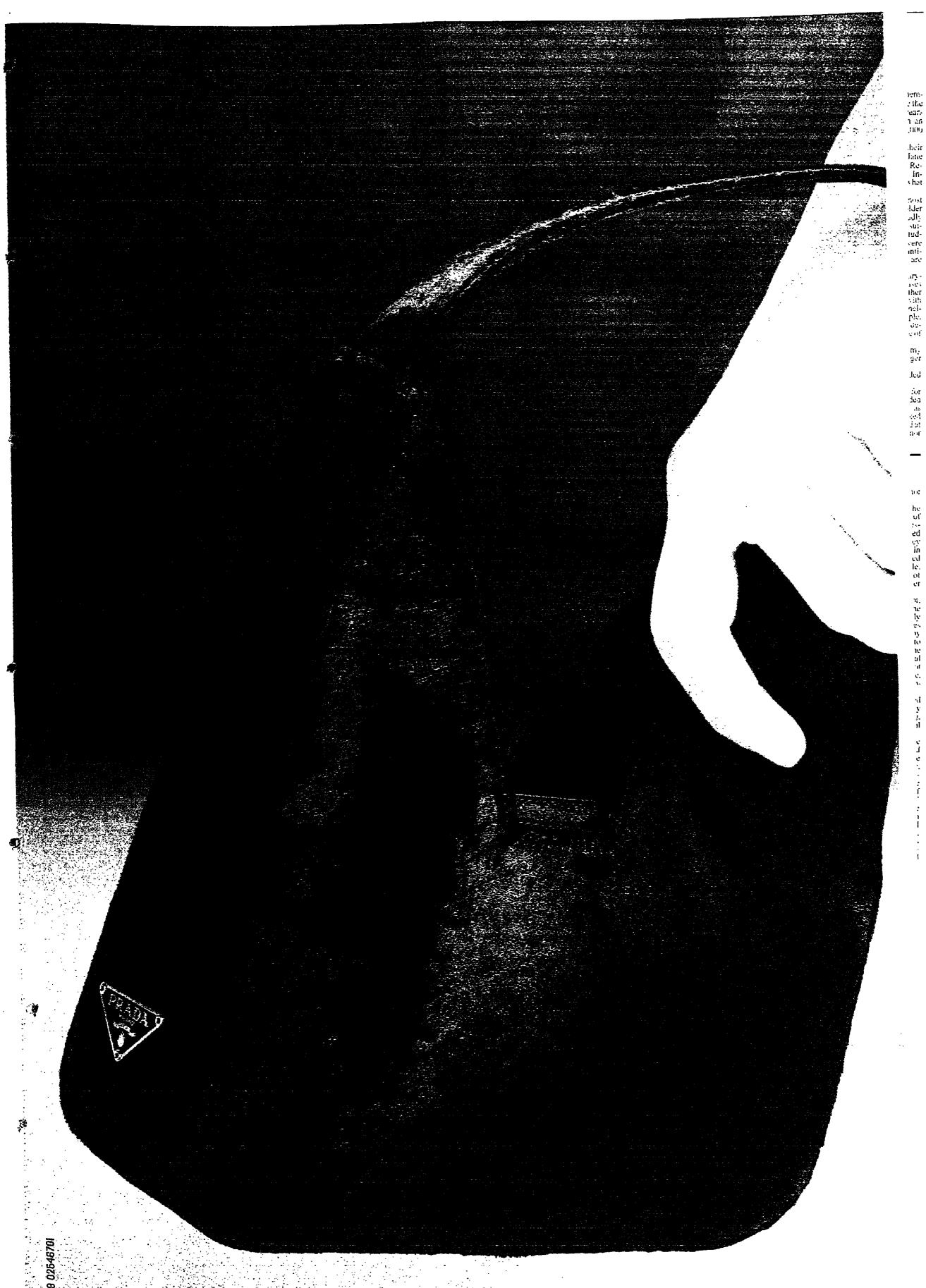
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#### Australia Wins

**CRICKET** Australia beat England by seven wickets in the second test in Perth on Monday to take a 1-0 lead in the five-match series.

Australia bowled England out for 191 in its second innings. Australia, needing 64 to win, lost three wickets as it cruised to victory before tea on the third day.

 South Africa completed a four-wicket victory over the West Indies Monday in the first test in Johannesburg.

The two teams had only met once in a test, in Barbados, six years ago, soon after South Africa was readmitted to international cricket. On that occasion, South Africa collapsed within sight of victory, los-ing its last eight wickets for 27

On Monday the greatest danger was a looming thunderstorm, but Jacques Kallis, who made 57 not out, steered South Africa home just before the storm broke.

 Zimbabwe won its first test abroad Monday when it beat Pakistan by seven wickets in Peshawar with almost two days to

Zimbabwe reached the victory target of 162 on the fourth morning. Murray Goodwin led the way with

#### World Cup May Be Early

SOCCER The 2002 World Cup finals could be brought forward to May and June to avoid the midsummer rainy season in Japan and South Korea, Sepp Blatter, the president of FIFA, the governing body of world soccer, said Mon-

#### Gay Rugby Star Retires

RUGBY LEAGUE Ian Roberts, the first leading rugby league player to declare his homosexuality, said Monday he was retiring after a 14year career that included 13 appearances for Australia.

A spokeswoman for the North Queensland Cowboys club said Roberts, 34, cited mental fatigue as the reason for the decision.

Roberts, a strapping forward, announced he was gay in 1994 - the year he was selected on Australia's tour of Britain and France.

"In football terms, he was already known as one of the toughest guys ever to play the game," said Greg Gibson, a former teammate at the Manley club, "In a funny way, by coming out, he's gained even more respect." (AP)

## Thai Breaker for Koreas

ASIAN GAMES North Korea's demand that its team should parade ahead of South Korea in the opening ceremony Sunday of the Asian Games in Bangkok, was rejected by Thai organizers Monday.

"We are organizing the march in accordance with the Thai alphabet. so South Korea will come first, said Santiparb Tejavanija, the organizing committee vice-chair-

# WORLD ROUNDUP Patriots Wait Till Very End To Defeat the Bills, 25-21

# Pass Interference as Time Expires Opens the Door

The New England Patriots scored their winning

touchdown after their game with the Buffalo Bills

The Bills were called for pass interference after time had expired on a desperate throw by Drew Bledsoe, the New England quarterback. Since a game cannot end on a penalty, New England got one more play on Sunday, and Blesoe hit Ben Coates, his tight end, with a one-yard pass for a touchdown as the Patriots won, 25-21.

It was the second time in less than a week that Bledsoe had kept New England in the American Football Conference East race with a late TD

#### NFL ROUNDUP

drive. Bledsoe drove the Patriots to victory in the final minute against the Miami Dolphins last Monday night, even though he broke a finger in his throwing hand on the drive. On Sunday, Bledsoe drove the Patriots 82 yards in 10 plays.

"It's what you dream of when you're a kid on the playground," Bledsoe, who played with a splint on his broken finger, said of the winning drive. "We haven't had too many the last few years, but this feels great.

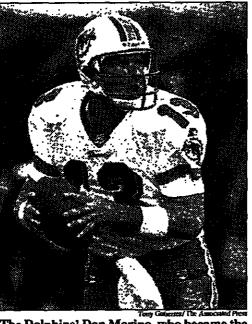
The result is a two-tiered race in the AFC East, the NFL's closest division with the Patriots and Bills (each 7-5) a game behind Miami and the New York Jets (each 8-4).

The game was a shoot-out between Bledsoe and Doug Flutie, who had 339 yards, his best in the National Football League.
Flutie put the Bills ahead on a four-yard TD pass

to Andre Reed after a 67-yard drive that took 8:58 and featured eight penalties, four on each tearn. But it was a penalty on the Bills that decided the game — a call against Henry Jones, who was covering Terry Glenn on Bledsoe's desperation pass on what should have been the game's final

"We were robbed," Jones said. "Terry Glenn jumped for the ball, but no one even grabbed

Not so, said the referee. Walt Coleman. "He wasn't playing the ball, but he did make contact with the receiver," Coleman said. "That's pass interference." Gabe Northern, a Buffalo linebacker, said: "I have been playing football since I was 8; I'm 24 — I have never seen anything like that. A penalty on a Hail Mary?'



The Dolphins' Dan Marino, who became the first NFL passer to throw 400 TD passes.

Bledsoe still had to make the final play and he did, lofting the ball perfectly to Coates for the winning score. When the Bills ran off the field, the Patriot kicker Adam Vinatieri ran the ball in for a

two-point conversion against no opposition.
"Well, the officials gave them the game," said
Buffalo's coach, Wade Phillips. "They might as well give them the extra point. Dolphins 30, Saints 10 Dan Marino, the Miami

quarterback, threw three touchdown passes to O. J. McDuffie to become the first NFL passer to throw

400 TD passes — the three gave him 401.

Miami fell behind by 10-3, but dominated from "Four hundred touchdown passes is a lot of touchdown passes," said Marino, who has 59 three-touchdown games in his career. "But win-

ing games is the most important thing. Miami's offensive line, with two backups pro-tecting Marino's blind side, held the Saints without a sack for the first time in 61 games — the third-

longest streak in NFL history.

"That is the most pathetic exhibition of football I have ever seen," said Mike Ditka, the Saints' coach. "Defense was horrible, offense was horrible and special teams weren't any better. What else can I say? We were outcoached and we were outplayed.'

Falcons 21, Rams 10 In St. Louis, Jamai Anderson ran for a career-high 188 yards, and 44year-old Steve DeBerg threw a 27-yard touchdown pass to Terance Mathis as Atlanta clinched a playoff berth. DeBerg took over in the second half for Tony Graziani, who started in place of the injured Chris Chandler. Deberg's TD pass came after the Falcons, who led by 3-0 at the half, fell behind when Tony Horne of the Rams returned the second-half kickoff 101 yards for a score. Anderson added a 27-yard TD run.

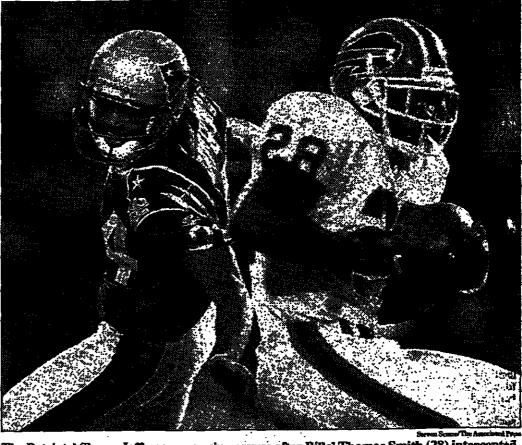
Broncos 31, Chargers 16 Denver (12-0) remained unbeaten as John Elway, who fumbled his first snap of the game and threw three interceptions in the first half, threw four TD passes as the Broncos beat the Chargers for the second time in three weeks The Broncos become the fourth team in NFL history to start 12-0 or better. Only the 1972 Miami Dolphins went undefeated the whole way, finishing at 17-0 after winning the Super Bowl.

Ravens 38, Colts 21 Baltimore's current team beat its predecessor 14 years after Robert Irsay took the Colts out of town in 1984. The Ravens gave a game ball to John Unitas, a Hall of Fame quarterback for the Colts when they were in Baltimore. The Colts took a 17-3 lead in the first quarter behind Peyton Manning, who finished 27-of-42 for 357 with three touchdowns. But the Ravens outscored Indianapolis by 17-0 in the fourth quarter.

Chiefs 34, Cardina 24 Rich Gannon threw three touchdown passes as Kansas City held on to end its six-game losing streak. The Chiefs took a 31-17 lead with 10:26 left when Derrick Alexander scored his second TD on a 15-yard pass from Gannon. But the Cardinals answered with an 80yard drive that made it 31-24.

Buccaneers 31, Bears 17 Tampa Bay broke a three-game losing streak and handed Chicago its fourth straight loss. The Bucs came up big on the strangest play in a strange game. With the game tied and no time left in the first half, Brice Hunter came in from out-of-bounds to catch a touchdown pass that bounced off a teammate, Bert Emanuel.

Packers 24, Eagles 16 Green Bay, an 18-point favorite, had to fight deep into the final quarter against the Eagles. Darick Holmes rushed for a career-best 163 yards on 26 carries, and Bill Schroeder caught five passes for a career-high 128 yards in his first NFL start for Green Bay, which trailed by 13-10 in the third quarter after Koy Detner, making his first NFL start, guided the Eagles on two long scoring drives that he capped with TD tosses of 16 and 4 yards to Jeff Graham.



The Patriots' Shawn Jefferson reversing course after Bills' Thomas Smith (28) intercepted.

ns 29, Raiders 19 Trent Green threw three tonchdown passes as Washington hurt Oakland's playoff chances. The Redskins, who have won three of five after opening the season with seven straight losses, came into the game with the worst turnover differential in the NFL. But they recovered two fumbles and made an interception while only losing the ball once.

sawks 20, Ollers 18 Jon Kitna, taking over for Warren Moon at quarterback, threw two touchdown passes and drove Seattle into position for Todd Peterson's winning 48-yard field goal with one second left. The drive was aided by a 15-yard late hit call on the Oilers' Kenny Holmes. That came after one week after Brunell threw to Al Del Greco's 42-yard field goal bad put Ten- a 30-15 loss in Pittsburgh.

nessee ahead, 18-17, with 33 seconds to go. Kitria was 24-of-39 for 298 yards and two touchdons with one interception in his second career starts In games reported in Monday's late editions: 3
Jets 48, Panthers 21 The Jets won their fifth

straight home game for the first time in 12 years. Curtis Martin ran 60 yards for a TD, Keyshawn Johnson went 35 on a reverse, and Vinny Testaverde was 16-of-21 for 255 yards as the Jets were never really challenged by Carolina.

Jaguare 34, Bengale 17 Mark Branell rebounded

with four TD passes as Jacksonville opened a game lead in the AFC Central. The victory came one week after Brunell threw three interception in

# Flyers' 5-Goal Flurry Buries Canucks

The Associated Press

The Philadelphia Flyers' top line terrorized the Vancouver Canucks, combining for nine points and sparking five goals in a third-period

John LeClair scored four goals, Eric Lindros had four assists and Keith Jones scored his fifth goal in six games as the Flyers won Sunday

Jones, acquired Nov. 12 in a trade with the Colorado Avalanche, has taken the spot at right wing once owned by Mikael Renberg when the

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Flyers first line was known as the "Legion of Doom." The Flyers have not lost in six games with Jones, who has combined with LeClair and Lindros for 17 goals and 23 assists.

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LeClair broke a 2-2 tie with 5:07 left with his 17th goal and third of the game, flicking in a rebound on Lindros's miss. Less than a minute that the state of the

later, Jones took a pass from Lindros and fired a slap shot past Garth Snow.

"The big line just played unbelievably in the third period," said Chris Gratton, who scored his first of the season with 34 seconds left. Dave Scatchard and Bill Muckalt scored for

Red Wings 4, Sharks 1 Detroit's backup goalie,

Stacy Roest scored his first National Hockey League goal as Detroit beat visiting San Jose.

Maracle, who stopped 19 shots, is 6-0 in six.

NHL starts as the replacement for Chris Osgood. who is injured. Mike Vernon, the San Jose goaltender, had 24

Rangers 5, Predators 1 Petr Nedved scored for the first time since his long holdout as New York bear visiting Nashville. Nedved, in his find game with the Rangers since being traded from Prinsburgh where he had refused to play for more. than a season, scored at 7:40, sending New York on the way to a 3-0 first-period lead. nes 3, Mighty Ducks 1 Notan Pratt broke

therricanes 3, Mighty Ducke 1 Noian Pratt broke a 1-1 tie on his first NHL goal with 11:43 left as. Carolina won its third straight. It was the first goal by Pratt in 43 games spanning three seasons. 2 Salves 6, Lightning 3 Michael Peca scored twice and Dominik Hasek stopped 30 shots as visiting Buffalo handed Tampa its eighth straight loss. Hasek, pulled after one period in Saturday's 6-24 loss at Florida, was strong throughout despited allowing three goals.

loss at Florida, was strong introughout despite allowing three goals.

Estackhawita 3, Offers 2 Tony Amonte scoreda his 18th goal as Chicago beat Edmonton for the franchise's 2,000th victory. Amonte, who shares the league lead in goals with the Flyers' LeCland tipped a shot past the goaltender Mikhail Shtalenkov at 2:18 of the second period to give Norm Maracle, won his fourth straight start, and Chicago a 3-1 lead.

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#### **SPORTS**

INTERNATIONAL HERALD TRIBUNE, TUESDAY, DECEMBER 1, 1998

# Arizona Gets Johnson for Seasons for \$53 Million

Randy Johnson, the most sought after incher among this year's baseball free gents, agreed to a \$53 million, fouryear contract with the Arizona Diagoodbacks on Monday.

Johnson, a left-handed power pitcher, that also been considering offers from the Anaheim Angels, the Los Angeles dgers and the Texas Rangers.
While there was no immediate an

ncement of the deal, it was conspined by a source familiar with the agoliations. The Diamondbacks famed to amounce it later Tuesday. The source said. Johnson makes his home in Glendale,

Arizona, a comfortable driving distance from Bank One Ballpark in Phoenix. "For us, it's obvious there are family ssues," Johnson's agent, Barry eister, told a Phoenix radio station We have a commitment that the Diamondbacks are going to do what it takes to get to the World Series, and we believe that."

The average annual value of Johnson's contract is \$13.25 million, the second-highest in baseball behind the \$13.33 million Mo Vaughn will get under the \$80 million, six-year contract he agreed to with Anaheim last week. change and 116 strikeouts in 841/3 innings this year for the Houston Astros, who acquired him from Seattle

on July 31. He struck out 329 this searson, leading the major leagues.

"Johnson has a 143-79 career record, smking out 2.329 in 1,9781/3 innings.



Fans of Argentina's soccer club Boca Juniors celebrating a draw with Independiente to give Boca the league title.

# Inter Fires Coach and Courts Romanian

moni on Monday. Massimo Moratti, the club president, then met with Mircea Lucescu, the coach of Rapid Bucharest. Rapid officials said litter wanted to hire

Lucescu and that the two were discussing a contract. Lucescu coached Romania in the 1990 World Cup. Inter beat Real Madrid in the Cham-

Inter Milan fired coach Luigi Si-club's star, has missed 13 of its 22 games. He said Sunday he will have to ration the games he plays to protect his "I have a chronic injury problem,"
Ronaldo said. "I'm not the player of
last year, and I cannot play in all our

"We have got to draw up a program and make some choices so that I play pions League last Wednesday but its in all the important games."

form has been fitful. Ronaldo, the ■ Everton Chairman Resigns

In England, a conflict between a club manager and his chairman led to a rare victory for the manager, Reuters re-ported from Liverpool, Peter Johnson resigned Monday as chairman of Everton following a dispute with Walter Smith, the team manager, over the sale of Duncan Ferguson to Newcastle. Smith threatened to resign after Johnson sold the striker without telling him.

# **Boca Juniors Clinch** The Title in Argentina

# Police Fire Rubber Bullets at Looting Fans

national championship for the first time played over three legs. in six years.

Boca drew its home game. 0-0. against Independiente, but celebrations had begun at the Bombonera stadium

#### WORLD SOCCER

before the final whistle, as news came through that Gimnasia-La Plata, the only team that could have caught Boca, had been held 1-1 at home by Rosario

The results kept Boca, unbeaten in 17 games, nine points clear of Gimnasia with two rounds to play in the Apertura

championship.

The Apertura is the first of two championships in the Argentine season, hich has no overall champion.

Thousands of Boca fans poured onto the streets of central Buenos Aires to celebrate their team's triumph at the Obelisk landmark. However, the celebrations were

marred by disorder. Two hundred fans were arrested over the course of the

Police fired rubber bullets at fans after they started breaking windows and

BRAZIL Santos striker Viola scored his 20th goal of the Brazilian championship as his team came from behind to beat Corinthians, 2-1, in the first leg of their semifinal.

Carlos Gamarra, a Paraguayan World Cup defender, gave Corinthians, the title favorite, a first-minute lead, but Robson Luis equalized midway through the first half.

Corinthians have home advantage for Boca Juniors, Argentina's most fan-atically supported club, has won the its overall record. The semifinals are

Cruzeiro beat Portuguesa, 3-1, at home in the other semifinal. MEXICO Jorge Campos, the Mexican World Cup goalkeeper, was one of four players sent off as UNAM beat Cruz Azul in the quarterfinals of the Mexican

championship. Campos started the game in goal, but switched to attack when his team fell a goal behind.

UNAM advanced 4-3 on aggregate with both teams reduced to 9 men. CHILE Temuco was penalized 15

points by the Chilean federation after failing to play its match against Concepcion. Temuco's players were on strike over

unpaid wages. Temuco is now so far behind the rest of the league that it cannot escape being

demoted a division. That is assuming it is not expelled by the federation first.

ITALY Roma, down to 10 men and trailing, 3-1, to its local rival Lazio, staged a heroic recovery to draw, 3-3, Sunday night.

Maro Delvecchio put Roma in front in the 26th minute, but Roberto Mancini leveled just two minutes later and then made it 2-1 early in the second half.

Fabio Petruzzi of Roma was sent off in the 65th minute. Marcelo Salas then increased Lazio's lead with a penalty

But Eusebio Di Francesco scored for Roma in the 79th minute and Francesco Totti, the team captain, equalized three minutes later.

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SURADAY RESULTS 709 28 Na. 14. Pordue (6-1) best E. Išinois 62-49. Na. 14. Washington (4-8) best Ga. Tech 76-6

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**BIG ISLAND INVITATIONAL** Washington 76. Georgia Tech 60 PINAL Flo. international 79, N. Illinois 55

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WOMEN TOP 25

No. 5 Georgia (2-4) def. Massochusetts 80-57.
No. 9 Okt Duminion (5-6) def. SW Mo. St. 79-59.
No. 11 Rutgers (6-1) def. Artzong St. 67-48.
No. 12 UCLA (6-2) def. Kentucky 64-54.
No. 13 Flands (6-2) def. Villanous SZ-49.
No. 18 Vanderfall (3-1) def. Hampton 116-46. No. 22 Wisconsin (4-1) lost to Stanford 78-66. No. 24 Nebrusia (5-1) def. Louisville 62-61.

> CRICKET AUSTRALIA VS. ENGLAND COND ASHES TEST, THROD MCNDAY OF PERTH, AUSTRALIA

SOUTH AFRICA VS. WEST BIDLES FIRST TEST, SMAL DAY BONDAY OF JOHANNESSURIG lest Indies: 267 and 170. Just Africa Worl by 4 wickets.

PAKISTAN VS. ZIMBARWI

WORLD RANKINGS

CALVIN AND HOBBES

12. Jim Furyk, U.S. 7.36 13. Masashi Osaki , Japan, 6.61

#### SKIING WORLD CUP

WOMEN'S SUPER-O WOMEN'S SUPER-O
SUPER-O STANDINGS (arter 1 Rece):

1. Alexandro Meissnitzer, Austria, 100 points:

2. Pemilla Wiberg, Sweden, 80: 3. Hide Gorg,
Ger, 40: 4. Stefanio Schustor, Austria, 50: 5.
Michaelo Dorfmeister, Austria, 45: 6. Martanna Salchinger, Austria, 40: 7. Suhadolc, 36:

8. Carole Monfillet, France, 32: 9. Particla
Caroli. 40: 10. Barlant Means Carol. kassis, fibly, 27; 10. Regina Haeusi, Gor., 26 OVERALL: (after 6 event): 1. Meiss-itzer, 385 points; 2. Renate Goelchi, Austria.

214: 3. Martina Ertl. Ger., 202: 4. Isolde Kostner, Italy 182: 5. Andrina Flemmen, Norway, 149; 6. Ursia: Hrovat, Stovenia, 145; 7. Janka Kastelic, Croatior and Wibers 142: 9. Gerg

FRENCH FREST DEVISION
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stranspincas: Bordeoux 38 points; Marselle 37; Rennes 27; Monoco 24; Lyon 24;
Paris-SI Germain 22; Bastia 21; Nantes 23;
Ausene 22; Montpellier 21; Strasbourg 21;
Lens 20; Nanty 20; Melt 11; Le Havon 15;
Sochaux 14: Toulouse 12; Lorient 11.

TOULOAN FREST DEVISION
Luzio 3, Roma 3
stanspincas: Florentina 22 points; Parma
19; Roma 19; AC Maion 18; Luventus 18; Bolagna 17; Hinter Milan 17; Udfiness 14; Perugia
15; Luzio 14; Cogliari 14; Ban 14; Empoli 13;
Sumpdorta 13; Placenzo 11; Vicenza 10;
Salerationa 10; Venezia 6.

SPANISH FIRST DIVISION
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STANDINGS: Mollorco 22 points: Vigo 21:
Atietico Modini 20: Coruno 20: Barcetono 19:
Valencio 19: Real Zaragaza 19: Real Modrid
18: Bells 17: Sonfander 16: Athletic Bilboo 16:
Real Sociedad 16: Oviedo 15 etc...

. Pete Sampros, U.S., 3.915 points 2. Marcelo Rios. Chile. 3.470 3. Alex Corretja, Sport, 2,398 4. Polnick Politer, Australia, 3,315 5. Carlos Moya, Spain, 2,159

TENNIS

Andre Aggssi, U.S., 2879 7. Tim Henman. Britain. 2,620 8. Karol Kucera. Slovakia, 2,579 9. Greg Rusedski, Britain, 2,573 10. Richard Krolkek, Netherlands, 254 11. Yergeny Kafenikov, Pussia, 2,515 12. Goran Ivanisevic, Croatia, 2,137 13. Petr Karda, Czech Republic, 2,114 14 Albert Costn. Spoin, 1,823 15. Mark Philippoussis, Australia, 1,792 16. Todd Martin, U.S., 1,774 18. Cedric Plotine, France, 1,710 19. Jan Siemerink, Netherlands.

FOOTBALL

NATIONAL FOOTBALL LEAGUE

PHILDELPHIA-Released FB Milke Reed.

Signed RB James Bosic from practice squad.

SEATTLE—Signed T Tony Berli. Put C Kevin Glover on injured reserve list, Signed CB Joey Eloms from practice squad. HOCKEY

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NATIONAL HOCKEY LEAGUE

NHL—Suspended Buffalo LW Rob Ray,
pending hearing, for slew-tooling Flonda LW

Alex Hicks in game Saturday.

CAUGARY—Recalled D Denis Gauthier from

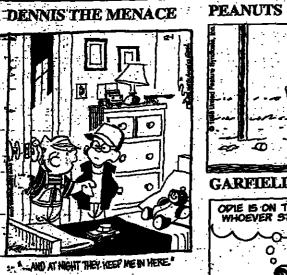
Saint John, AHL.

COLORADO—Recalled F Scott Parker from

Hershev, AHI. N.Y. RANGERS-Traded LW Bill Berg and

ANOTHER FIVE YARD LOSS!

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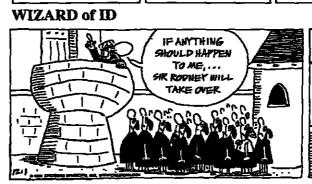






















# ART BUCHWALD

# What Are Friends For?

her daughter Blossom's room law to tape another person and found her taping a Radio Shack recorder to her hip. What are you doing?

Mrs. Macintosh asked. "I plan to tape-record my best friend, Mona." Blossom

Why?" "All the kids are doing it. It's the only way we can get 🚪 the goods on

our buddies.

Mrs. MacIntosh said, "But dirty pool. You're not supposed to record your best friend."

She says she's having an affair with the principal. But I have no proof of it. If I can get her to talk, I'll have everything down for the Parent nity. Teacher Association." "But it's so unseemly."

"Mom, don't you understand what it is like in the real world? People talk, but it's rare that anyone has corroboration. Mona tells me ev-

erything."
"Like what?" "Whenever she is sent to this? the principal's office for misbehaving, he makes a pass at her. He also buys her presents and she calls him Big Bozo. If you heard the tapes, you'd

NEW YORK — Mrs. agree they're spellbinding.' MacIntosh walked into "Blossom, it's against the "Blossom, it's against the

without her knowledge." 'When they hear my tape I'll get immunity.

'Isn't there any way I can convince you that what you're doing is a very bad idea?"
"I doubt it. Tape-recording

is like smoking, once you start it's impossible to give it up. Mona said that tonight she is going to tell me how the principal made her get him an egg salad sandwich when she was sent to his office for pun-

Mrs. MacIntosh said, "I don't want to be a party to this. In our day you didn't tape your friends. You shared confidences with them. That is what they were there for.'

"Mona would tape-record me if she had the opportu-

"All right, do what you want to, but I hope you don't get caught."

"I won't. No one can see the microphone in my hair.' You have it all thought out. Where did you learn all

"I've been watching Linda Tripp. She is a role model to

"The kids like her?" "Is Elton John British?"

Champagne Dreams of a Tasty '98

Agence France-Presse

PERNAY, France — Champagne producers said over the weekend that 1998 was a good year for the fizzy white wine, and looked forward to sales of some 300 million bottles in 2000. Yves Benard, the director of the Union of Champagne

Houses, said that fears of damage from autumn rains had gone unfounded and that the 1998 harvest had met expectations in both quantity and quality.

While looking forward to healthy sales in the year 2000,

Benard warned that after an enormous explosion of corks to welcome in the millennium, sales might tail off in the rest of

# James Brown: At 65, He's Still Feeling Good

By Philip Crawford International Heruld Tribune

DARIS — The death of Frank Sinatra made people pause for a moment and think about music that endures and artists who define a genre, those whose influence is perhaps most visibly demonstrated by how

many others try to imitate them.

When reflecting on that breed in the late
20th century — and on the funk, rap, hiphop, rhythm and blues that make up most of what pours out of radios and music-television stations worldwide - it is difficult not to think of James Brown.

Brown, 65, who is just ending a European tour and heading to Japan to promote his new album, "I'm Back," is doing, quite simply, what he has been doing for most of the last 40 years: putting on a show.

His new 17-piece band, The Soul Gen-

erals, may no longer boast such marquee names as Maceo Parker, Bootsy Collins and Fred Wesley — all of whom used their perches in Brown's former band, the JBs, to start successful careers of their own - but the Generals are still a Brown-trained band. That means they respond instantly to a

trademark scream from their leader with staccato horn bursts and seamless segues into the next number.

"I treat a band like an army," Brown said in an interview after his show at the Zenith here. "And the only time they get a smile out of me is when I say. "At ease."" of me is when I say, 'At ease.

Brown's voice is a couple of shades lower than in the old days, and seen from up close, he looks just like what he is: a man who has spent decades on the road playing

With so many miles on him, it seems remarkable that he manages to get around on stage the way he still does — no more splits but plenty of his signature mashed-potato and camel-walk steps. He pushes the microphone stand off balance, does a 360-degree spin and catches it — smack on the downbeat — just like he did at Harlem's Apollo Theat-

People ask if James Brown, at his age and in the wake of his well publicized run-ins with the law, can still "do it." But what

For Brown, it is what in the 1960s was called "soul," a form and a feeling that later took on the label of "funk." What's funk? It over the past 30 years (coming soon as a is a pulse, a compelling one. It is energy and doctoral thesis at Juilliard, or should be) can



James Brown, with Martha High, one of The Bittersweets, left, and Tomi Rae Hynie.

sex in 4/4 time, heavy on the downbeat — the be awfully persuasive. How many funk, rap 'one" as Brown counts it. If you don't feel an irresistible urge to at least tap your foot, you're taking life far too seriously.

What sets Brown's sound apart from that of such early soul contemporaries as Little Richard, and such later ones such as Wilson Pickett and Otis Redding, is a mixture of his personal aura and his signature tunes, most of which he wrote. Like Cab Calloway in the 1930s and '40s, there is a joie de vivre that pours from Brown when he performs, and it's contagious both to his band and the andience, especially in a small venue.

Calloway, referring to boogie-woogie, once sang. "We play waltzes, be-bop and jive, but here's the kind of music that keeps you alive!" Brown is to his musical generation what Calloway was to his own.

As for the songs themselves, the argument that Brown is one of the, say, five most influential artists in Western popular music

and hip-hop artists found their core rhythms in Brown classics such as "Cold Sweat." "The Payback" and the lesser-known "Escape-ism"? How many bands electronically sample horn lines and screams from Brown's heart for France. songs into their own recordings?

As for live performance, you only have to watch 10 minutes of Michael Jackson or the artist formerly known as Prince on-stage to know who they watched when they were At the Zenith, Brown and his band moved

through medleys of his old powerhouse tunes: "Can't Stand It," "Papa's Got a Brand New Bag" and "Sex Machine," which make people smile and dance as much as they ever did. His latest single, "Funk on a Roll," mixes some of his old melodies with

Johnson, whose voice brings Al Green and good.

Luther Vandross to mind. The show alsofeatured six female background singers, The Bittersweets, whose Gospel-like harmonies added a little silk to the sandpaper.

Brown says he holds a special place in his

"When I was in prison," he said, referring to his 1988 conviction on weapons and assault charges, "President Mitterrand called President Bush and said, 'If you don't want James Brown over there, we'll take him in

Also, French people "don't have any national strictions on expressing their love."

Any professional regrets? "I wish I'd done a number with Sinatra. Mr. Sinatra was

one of the finest. Unlike some artists of his generation who continue to perform, Brown fortunately has not become a caricature of himself. Sure, Brown showcased two singers he is pro-ducing, a husky-voiced blonde named Tomi he can still do it. His weathered face has seen Rae Hynie and a balladeer named Roosevelt a lot but he looks good. He says he feels



Jerry Hall and Mick Jagger are reportedly splitting up.

Adisgraced and jailed for a homosexual affair, Britain has honored the playwright with a statue in central London — a monument depicting him with head in hands bolding a cigarette. "I think it is wonderful, a wonderful monument for the people of London and of England, said Stephen Fry, who played the central character in the film "Wilde." "Showing him smoking is yet again a big finger shoved in the face of society." Fry added. The statue near Trafalgar Square is the first significant monument in the capital to Wilde, whose

It was an all-star tribute to the singer and actor Paul Robeson with Harry Belafonte and Paul Robeson Jr. in charge. "Ol' Man River: A Centennial Salute to Paul Robeson," at Carnegie Hall, looked at the life of Robeson, the son of an escaped slave who became one of the country's definitive performers. F. Murray Abraham, Danny Glover

works, including "The Important of Being Earnest," still draw huge audiences.

CENTURY after Oscar Wilde was and Paul Newman were to portray scenes from Robeson's life.

> Jerry Hall, wife of the Rolling Stones singer Mick Jagger, will demand a divorce after reports in the British tabloid press alleged that he cheated on her with a Brazilian model, one of her lawyers said to the Sunday Mirror. "Jerry and Mick will be getting divorced and it will

be pretty nasty," the American lawyer Raoul Felder told the newspaper. "Jerry would get a better deal in America, but I'm afraid the case may have to go ahead in Britain." The tabloids have dedicated pages recently to the claim that Luciana Morad, a 27-year-old model, is three months pregnant by Jagger.

The family of the late guitar great

# John Lee Hooker Celebrates a Big Year

**PEOPLE** 

New York Times Service TEW YORK - Just when he thought things couldn't get any better, John Lee Hooker will now receive the 1999 Rhythm-and-Blues Foundation Lifetime Achievement Award.

The award comes on the heels of what has been a stellar year for the egendary bluesman. He celebrated his 50th anniversary as a recording artist. released a new CD, was honored by the Rock-and-Roll Hall of Fame, won two Grammy Awards, had a collector's edition guitar issued in his honor and wimessed the christening of John Lee Hooker Lane, which runs in front of the Delta Blues Museum in his hometown, Clarksdale, Mississippi. Not bad for the 81-year-old musician who said he started out with nothing but the shirt on his back. The award will be presented in Los Angeles on Feb. 25.

- Jimi Hendrix will release a documentary to accompany CD collections of some of Hendrix's most famous persome of rieman's smost famous per-formances. Experience Hendrix — run by his father. At Hendrix, and half-sister, Janie — is to release the re-cordings and documentary early next year, Rolling Stone magazine reports, its December issue. The documentary includes concert footage and interviews with artists who credit Hendrix with influencing their work.

He's an American living in Germany, and to his adoptive country William Forsythe may as well be Balanchine. That's the consensus among balletomanes who watched the choreographer transform Ballet Frankfurt from a regional company into an international contender after he took the helm in 1984. On Wednesday, after nearly a decade abroad, Forsythe will appear at the Brooklyn Academy of Music with his troupe for the U.S. premiere of his "Eidos: Telos," with music by the Dutch composer Thom Willems.



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